

Second crash victim may be charged

A complaint of manslaughter against John Cruz — now listed in critical condition in Goleta Valley Hospital — will be recommended today to the district attorney in Lompoc by the California Highway Patrol.

Cruz, 43, of 305 West Drive, was one of two drivers who collided at the intersection of West Central and North Floradale Avenues yesterday. The second driver, Charles A. Slavens, 47, of

232 Oakridge Rd., was dead on arrival at Lompoc District Hospital.

According to a CHP spokesman in Buellton this morning, the CHP's investigation of the accident is not complete, but enough facts have been gathered to recommend to Lompoc D.A. Haynes Jones that a manslaughter complaint be filed against Cruz.

There is some doubt, however, if this matter will ever come to court. Yesterday, Cruz was transferred from

Lompoc District Hospital to Goleta Valley Hospital where he is now listed in critical condition in the cardiac care unit.

Cruz and Slavens collided at the intersection of Central and Floradale Avenues, which is controlled by traffic lights. According to the CHP, Cruz was going east on Central and Slavens was traveling south on Floradale.

"There appears to be a certain amount of speed involved by Cruz," the

CHP spokesman said.

There were no other occupants in each driver's car when the accident happened yesterday at about 10 a.m. Slavens was driving a Chevrolet Impala and Cruz was driving a Pontiac Trans-Am. Both cars appeared to be totally demolished.

Funeral services for Slavens are pending at Starbuck Mortuary. He was employed at FCI as a construction and maintenance foreman and had been on vacation since Monday.

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Economy gets gloomier

For fourth consecutive month

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The nation's overall economic picture worsened for the fourth consecutive month and the United States accumulated a trade deficit of \$113 million in November, the government said today.

Elsewhere, gold soared to record highs of \$196.23 an ounce in Frankfurt and \$195 in London in anticipation of a big American demand when the U.S. ban on private ownership is lifted Tuesday.

Dealers predicted gold might go over the \$200 mark soon.

The Commerce Department's composite index of leading economic indicators dropped 1.5 per cent chiefly because of industrial production cutbacks and shorter work weeks.

The index is a barometer of the state of the economy. The continuing decline is a strong signal that the recession will force even greater production cutbacks and higher unemployment in future months.

In another indication of the weakened economy, the United States was \$113 million in the red in its export-import balance after a \$29.4 million surplus in October.

Total exports in November were estimated at \$9.06 billion compared with imports of \$9.17 billion, Commerce said.

Exports were up 4.6 per cent from

November, but imports grew at an even faster rate of 6.2 per cent to account for the deficit.

Thursday, the government reported that the amount of oil imported into the United States jumped 8 per cent.

In other developments, several corporations announced new cutbacks and more layoffs. Celanese Corp. today said it is closing fiber plants at Rome, Ga., and Greenville, S.C., Jan. 4 for six weeks.

But retail merchants said there was a last-minute surge of Christmas shopping, and a Christmas day crowd at Disneyland broke the one-day attendance record at the amusement park.

In Indiana, a federal judge said U.S. Steel must either shut down a polluting open-hearth furnace in Gary or pay \$2,300 a day in fines. The company delayed an immediate decision but said if it shut down it would lay off 2,500 workers. Gary Mayor Richard Hatcher and Indiana Gov. Otis Bowen said the loss of that many jobs would be an economic disaster.

Detroit Mayor Coleman Young announced at least 1,500 of the city's

26,000 workers face layoffs early in the new year because of budgetary problems.

Howmet Corp. of Philadelphia said it will shut down one of its aluminum extrusion plants at the cost of 110 jobs permanently, and in Greenwood, S.C., Monsanto Co. said it will furlough 550, or one fourth the working force, in its textile plant next week.

An 8 per cent surge in petroleum imports, after two months of decline, should send the balance of merchandise trade into deficit for November. A weakened balance of merchandise trade contributes to domestic inflation by removing currency from circulation.

The November jump in oil imports was shown by data gathered by the Federal Energy Administration and two industry groups, the American Petroleum Institute and the Independent Petroleum Association.

A spot survey of stores in the nation's biggest cities showed there was the usual last-minute rush of Christmas shopping in spite of a disappointing season. Many store managers said there was a trend to fewer but more expensive gifts.

In Anaheim, Calif., more than 34,500 persons flocked to Disneyland Christmas day, the largest daily attendance in the 19-year history of the amusement park, 12 per cent above the previous record set in 1969.

In other economic developments:

—Truck drivers who haul coal agreed to return to work during contract negotiations, averting for at least 60 days a strike in an industry that was crippled from Nov. 12 until just before Christmas by two consecutive strikes.

—McGraw-Hill economists reported American industry's operating rate in November fell three points from October and 10 points from a year earlier to 77 per cent of capacity.

—The Insurance Information Institute said the property and casualty insurance industry has had the worst year in its history with an underwriting loss of \$1.12 billion and a shrinkage of about \$6.6 billion in the policyholders' surplus from which the companies have to pay claims.

—Representative firms in the man-made textile fiber and plastics industries reported sharp downturns in sales and output in November and December. Some big plastics producers said orders for basic resin were off 30 per cent.

Looters, disease hit Darwin after winds

DARWIN, Australia (UPI) — Hungry looters ransacked food stores wrecked by a devastating cyclone and officials in Darwin tried today to prevent typhoid and cholera epidemics that could kill hundreds who survived the storm.

Australian, American and British planes ferried in tons of food and carried out thousands of homeless in the wake of the Christmas Day cyclone that wiped out the once-bustling port city.

The Minister for Northern Development, Dr. Rex Patterson, said "unless you saw Darwin, it is impossible to describe."

"Three quarters of the people are living outside houses in shelters. The problem at present for those in the city is one of survival. There is no sewerage, no water and no power.

"The casualties of the cyclone will be nothing to those that will occur if disease spreads," Patterson said.

The type of storm that hit Darwin is called a cyclone in this hemisphere. In the United States it would be called a hurricane.

Patterson said he had instructed police to begin shooting starving dogs which were roaming the streets in packs looking for food.

Prime Minister Gough Whitlam cut short his European tour today and flew back to Australia from London.

"I have been appalled by the reports I have heard of the loss of life and damage in Darwin," Whitlam said when he arrived in Perth.

"I want to extend my sympathy to those who have suffered in Darwin and promise that we will do all in our power to restore and rebuild the city as soon as possible and help those who need our assistance," Whitlam said.

Whitlam then boarded an air force jet for Darwin.

Witnesses in the stricken city said looters ransacked damaged food stores and police were issued pistols to fend them off. Store owners put up "Looters Shot" warning signs outside their battered shops.

In Melbourne, Deputy Prime Minister Jim Cairns estimated the cost of rebuilding Darwin at \$327 million.

"There is virtually no building in Darwin that is not seriously damaged. Ten thousand homes have been wrecked. They have been torn to pieces and the pieces scattered across the city," Cairns said.

The National Disaster Organization in Canberra said Cyclone Tracy killed at least 45 persons, but some official estimates put the death toll as high as 80.

Suit curbing CIA filed as Ford gets report

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Rep. Michael J. Harrington, D-Mass., filed a federal court suit today seeking to curb CIA covert operations abroad and halt alleged spying by the controversial agency on Americans at home.

At a news conference, Harrington announced he had filed suit naming Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, CIA Director William E. Colby and Treasury Secretary William E. Simon as defendants.

Harrington told newsmen he was doubtful that investigations suggested by the chairmen of five separate congressional committees would lead to corrective action.

He said that, historically, congressional oversight of the Central Intelligence Agency had been exercised with "a degree of informality which would have surprised even those critical of Congress."

Harrington's 65-point suit asks the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia to:

—Declare illegal all overseas CIA activities abroad aimed at manipulating political, social and economic developments in foreign countries.

—Declare the CIA has exceeded its 1947 charter in undertaking domestic political counter-intelligence as alleged in recent press reports published in the New York Times and elsewhere.

—Enjoin permanently Kissinger, Colby and Simon and their successors from undertaking such activities.

Treasury Secretary Simon was named because the funds used by the CIA to finance destabilizing activities in Chile in the early 1970s came through the Treasury Department. President Ford has been studying a 50-page report from the Central Intelligence Agency replying to charges the agency illegally spied on

American citizens. Ford said he may comment on the report today.

In Washington, a congressman prepared to file suit to stop the CIA from conducting counter-intelligence activities in this country or questionable activities abroad.

And Former Defense Secretary Clark M. Clifford, who helped draft legislation in 1947 creating the CIA, called for a thorough investigation of the agency.

CIA Director William E. Colby prepared the report at Ford's request and gave it to Secretary of State Henry A. Kissinger, who sent it to Ford by courier Thursday.

Ford told reporters he might have something to say about the report today. Earlier Thursday, Ford stopped to chat with reporters on a ski slope and told them he would not "rule out" the possibility of making the report public. "It depends on its contents," he said.

Press Secretary Ron Nessen later said parts of the report are classified.

Rep. Michael J. Harrington, D-Mass., is filing suit in the U.S. District Court in Washington against Colby, Kissinger and Treasury Secretary William E. Simon.

Harrington played a major role last summer in bringing to light covert activities of the CIA between 1970 and 1973 to undermine the government of the late President Salvador Allende in Chile. Simon is named in the suit because the \$9 million which the CIA spent in Chile went through what is now his department.

Clifford told UPI in a telephone interview Thursday that Congress should appoint a joint investigating committee of limited duration to make a "thorough investigation in depth" of the CIA, to eliminate abuses and strengthen the agency.

because "she's Jewish and her parents are dead."

Neighbors said Miss Zahler, a slim blonde, had lived in the \$200-a-month apartment since August and worked part time as a model with the Eileen Ford agency.

She apparently lived quietly and had few visitors, neighbors said.

On March 13, 1964, Miss Genovese, a barmaid on her way home, was stabbed to death outside Miss Zahler's 10-story red brick apartment building.

The witnesses to that slaying said at the time that they did not call police because they did not want to get involved.



Jack Benny

Hollywood and world mourn Jack Benny, 39

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Comedian Jack Benny, who rose from vaudeville through radio and television to become one of the most beloved comedians in show business, died of cancer at 2:32 a.m. EST Wednesday.

His manager, Irving Fein, announced the 80-year-old comic's death.

Benny's family said Benny was unaware he had the cancer until it was detected last Friday, when doctors warned him it would soon prove fatal.

Despite his age—80—Benny had been considered in excellent health and was active to the last, getting ready to appear in his first movie in years.

The cancer of the pancreas was discovered only last Friday, when Benny complained that a recurrent stomach pain had returned. It rapidly overcame him.

His family said doctors told them there was no hope, and Benny decided to die at home rather than enter a hospital.

"He died quietly at 11:32 this evening (2:32 a.m. EST)," his manager, Irving Fein, told reporters.

By then Benny was unconscious, kept under heavy sedation because of pain. He was expected to remain unconscious until death.

Among the first to arrive at Benny's mansion was Frank Sinatra. Next came George Burns, Benny's closest friend. They had ribbed each other on stage, radio and television for almost half a century.

Hope, Reagan, Merle Oberon, Danny Thomas, Milton Berle, Johnny Carson —who frequently paid tribute to Benny as a master of the comedian's art — Danny Kaye and others gathered at the home to console Benny's wife of 47 years, Mary Livingston.

"We're losing one of the greatest performers who ever lived," said Rosalind Russell, close to tears. "I'm sure going to miss him."

"Jack brought joy to the world. He has the most charitable heart in show business," Hope said.

"He is a world institution," said Reagan, recalling that he met Benny in the 1920s when the governor was a radio announcer in Iowa.

Benny was schooled from the age of 15 on the vaudeville circuit that produced a generation of America's most popular comics.

He turned to the relatively new medium of radio early in the 1930s and was an instant hit. His humor mocked an imaginary version of his own personality.

He played an egocentric miser, an exasperated but unlearning loser, forever maintaining he was only 39, a master of the slow burn.

His trademarks included the creaking stairs leading to a supposed vault of money beneath his home, and dauntless conceit over his aged Maxwell auto, his big blue eyes, his starring role in the movie "The Horn Blows at Midnight," and above all, his painfully inept, shrieking, violin playing.

The alter ego was not the real Benny.

In real life his friends knew him as generous, a comparatively accomplished violin player —he played with symphonies and was making violin benefit performances in his late 70s — and he joked himself that "The Horn Blows at Midnight" may have been the corniest movie ever filmed.

In his radio show, popular until Benny turned to television in 1951, he was inevitably outwitted or foiled by his wife Mary, playing herself, and his faithful servant, the gravel-voiced "Rochester."

Glimpses

Valley Historical Society Member Anita Nygaard's article on spotting California Condor appearing in next month's issue of Ford Times.

Four hopefuls to vie in March council race

The list of official candidates for the Lompoc City Council stands at four, City Clerk Wilma Thomas reported this morning. Yesterday noon was the deadline for all nomination papers for the council race to be filed at City Hall.

The four candidates appearing in the ballot for the special March 4, 1975 municipal council election will be: Elinor Lefkowitz, 58, of 1720 Sheffield Drive; Joe Valencia, 41, of 1317 North First Place; Tommy Green, 44, of 1524 East Lemon and Alberta Morgan, 49, of 813 West College Avenue.

Each of the candidates has qualified for the election, Mrs. Thomas reported, and each has submitted statements of qualifications to be printed and appear in voter information pamphlets distributed with sample ballots. Due to recent Lompoc City Council action, the \$60-odd cost of printing and handling the qualifications statements will be borne by the city, not by the candidates, as was the former practice.

Only one council seat will be up for grabs in the March 4 balloting, the seat vacated by Councilman Sol Lefkowitz,

who died last August. The term of office will be for three years, until the 1978 expiration of Lefkowitz' term. The City Council is presently functioning with four members.

Weather

Increasing high cloudiness today becoming cloudy tonight. Rain likely beginning during the night turning to showers Saturday afternoon. Warmer tonight. Gusty winds at times tonight and Saturday. Highs both days near 60. Lows tonight near 50. Chance of rain increasing to 70 per cent tonight and Saturday.

Saturday tides
High tides of 3.8 feet at 11:29 p.m. and 6.5 feet at 9:45 a.m. Low tides of 1.3 feet at 5 p.m. and 1.9 feet at 3:19 a.m.

Sunday tides
High tides of 6.6 feet at 10:27 a.m. Low tides of 1.4 feet at 5:42 p.m. and 1.8 feet at 4:13 a.m.

Monday tides
High tides of 6.4 feet at 11:10 p.m. and 4.0 feet at 12:09 p.m. Low tides of 1.3 feet at 6:21 p.m. and 1.7 feet at 5:02 a.m.

New Yorkers still don't 'get involved'

Neighbors shrug off screams; model murdered

NEW YORK (UPI) — A model was beaten to death in a violent argument Christmas morning while her screams went unheeded, police said.

The victim's body was found in her apartment overlooking the street where Kitty Genovese was stabbed 10 years ago in a slaying that drew national attention when it became known that 38 neighbors watched it but did nothing.

Sandra Zahler, 27, was dressed only in a blouse and panty hose, police said. Her head had been crushed by a number of blows.

Her body was found Thursday afternoon by a boyfriend, George Boguslaw, 25, who had a key to the small

apartment. Police said he had been ruled out as a suspect after questioning.

Detectives said they had another suspect in mind, apparently a former boyfriend.

A detective said "some neighbors heard screaming around 3:20 a.m. but it stopped and they let it go."

Madeline Hartman, who lived next door, said she heard Miss Zahler scream, "no! no!" several times during the morning and also heard crashing sounds, as if furniture was being broken.

She also told police she heard a man's voice and Miss Zahler's dog yelp in pain during the night. The dog, a brown and white beagle, was found with a broken

leg.

She said she did not call the police because she assumed the building superintendent would do it. The superintendent said he was not home at the time.

Detective Capt. Roy Richter said the apartment was in disarray because Miss Zahler had been redecorating but "there were signs of a struggle."

"We're not sure what the murder weapon is —possibly a hammer," Richter said. "We recovered a hammer but it's not bloody and not positively the murder instrument."

Police said Miss Zahler apparently was not missed during the holiday

Daily record

THE LOMPOC Parks and Recreation Dpt. announces registration for their winter classes starting Dec. 30th. Classes include the following areas: Play School; 3-4-5 year olds, exercise; women-businessmens swim - jiu jitsu - tennis, special interest; cake decorating - needle point and knitting - social dance - childrens dance - leather - house plant growing - guitar and art - water color - oil painting - sketching - children art. Classes will start the week of Jan. 20. Register for classes at Parks and Recreation Department 105 South C St. For more information call 736-6515.

Commission will meet in the council chambers and all items previously scheduled for the meeting of Dec. 23 will be considered.

HOWARD Earl Moore, 24, of 724 North 5th St., and Steven Dale Rose, 23, a transient, were booked yesterday at the Lompoc Police Department for suspicion of rape, grand theft, and other charges. Their arrests stemmed from an incident that happened yesterday evening in Mission Hills. Bail on each suspect was set at \$5000 in which a young woman was reportedly raped by assailants. The woman was not hospitalized.

THE Board of Directors of the Lompoc Hospital District voted last night to renew its Blue Cross contract as recommended by auditors. This vote is an annual one.

Obituary

Manuel Alvarado

Rosary recitation for Manuel A. Alvarado, 74, will be 7:30 p.m. today at the Gregory-McPeck Mortuary Chapel and funeral mass will be celebrated 10 a.m. tomorrow at La Purissima Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Lompoc Evergreen Cemetery. Born in Mexico in 1900, Mr. Alvarado died Wednesday at Lompoc District Hospital. He had lived in Lompoc for 52 years, last residing 312 W. Cypress Ave. Mr. Alvarado is survived by his wife, Jovita, of the above address; four daughters, Mrs. Elena Velasquez and Miss Martha Alvarado of Culver City, Mrs. Josefa Moreno of Lompoc, and Mrs. Rebecca Lopez of Los Angeles; two sons, Juan Hernandez of Baldwin Park and Felix Hernandez of Salinas; and 29 grandchildren and 43 great grandchildren.

SAN LUIS Obispo Senior High School principal V.L. Lefebvre will be the teacher for a Cal Poly Extension course on the legal problems of public education which will be offered in Lompoc during the Winter Quarter. "School Law," a three-unit lecture course, will examine constitutional, statutory, and administrative law as they apply to education. Common law and court decisions, with implications for administration and operation of schools in California, will also be emphasized. Lefebvre expects to make the course applicable to the classroom teacher and try to clarify some legal concepts that have been largely misunderstood by many teachers. The Cal Poly Extension course will meet every Monday, beginning Jan. 6, from 7 to 10 p.m. in Room English 4 at Cabrillo High School in Lompoc. The lecture fee will be \$56.25. Enrollment in the course is open to anyone who has a valid teaching credential or obtains the consent of the instructor. The first class meeting is Jan. 6. Further information about the course can be requested by writing to "Extension, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, 93407," or by phoning 805-546-2063.

DUE TO lack of quorum the Dec. 23 regularly scheduled meeting of the Lompoc Planning Commission was adjourned to Dec. 30, 1974 at 7:30 p.m. The Planning

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Rains launches legislation for Lompoc Municipal Court

State Senator Omer L. Rains today introduced legislation to provide funding and staffing for a Municipal Court in the City of Lompoc.

In so doing, Senator Rains emphasized that, under his bill, the funds necessary to run the Court and to compensate all Court personnel over and above the expenses of the existing Justice Court would come from the state not from Santa

Barbara County. The bill provides for one judge, two Municipal Court clerks, two assistant clerks, and a marshal.

Rains said he introduced this legislation because it was consistent with his belief that more and better services should be provided to the Lompoc area than has often been the case in the past. "It has been my feeling for

some time," Rains said, "that all too often the so-called 'North County area' has been dealt with as a step-child in Santa Barbara County, and I simply cannot accept this. The Lompoc area needs and deserves services which will cut down on the expense and inconvenience of travelling outside the area. That is why, when I was first elected in July, I immediately established office hours in both

Santa Maria and Lompoc, and why I will make every effort to see that this bill gets through the Legislature as quickly as possible."

The bill was submitted as an urgency statute, which means that it will go into effect immediately upon passage and signing by the Governor, rather than becoming effective the following Jan. 1, as is the case with regular legislation.

Disease epidemic in wildlife

County vet urges pet rabies shots

By DICK PRAUL
County reporter

The primary means of preventing rabies spreading to humans "is the vaccination of dogs against the disease," and if necessary, vaccination of man's "companion animals," if rabies continues to increase in wild life, says County Veterinarian John B. Carricaburu.

In his annual report, the Santa Ynez Valley veterinarian points out that 1974 has been unusual in that the usually low level of rabies infection has been exceeded considerably for some reason among wildlife.

He stresses, however, that while the public health aspects of such an epidemic could be extremely serious, the "history of the disease indicates that human beings usually become infected only by one important link, and that link is the infected, biting dog."

"When wild animals cause rabies in man, it is generally due to man's initiative, rather than an attack by the animal," Dr. Carricaburu observes. He mentioned that a woman in California who died of rabies some years ago was bitten by an infected bat when she picked it up suspecting it had a broken wing. Otherwise, she would not have become infected.

Dr. Carricaburu said in his report that he felt "at this point in time it is the opinion of this office that the current outbreak should pose no great human health hazard."

He said animal owners in the county in the past have "cooperated in large numbers by immunizing their pets." He declared he was confident that measures can be adopted to secure an even greater degree of animal vaccinations. His office, he added, will continue to maintain close liaison with County Health Department officials and other departments in future developments.

The county veterinarian said he felt that no matter how serious the current outbreak should become in the future, he felt that immunization of dogs, other companion animals of man, and even all domestic animals, if necessary, should be sufficient to limit the disease to the wild animal population.

Danger of exposure then to infected wild animals, he believes, could then be reduced by an intensive educational and public relations program informing people to avoid contact with these animals, and especially aimed at children in the schools.

While epidemics have been stopped by the wholesale destruction of carrier animals, Dr. Carricaburu said such a program, he felt, "would generate considerable public distaste, even if indicated." A more palatable alternative, he felt, would be a program aimed at trapping to reduce those animals known to be carrying the disease. Even then such a program would only serve to reduce the disease incidence in wildlife, he reasoned.

Congressional 'study mission'

Lagomarsino to visit Middle East

Rep. Robert J. Lagomarsino (R-Ojai) will be part of a specially selected three-man Congressional study mission investigating the explosive Middle East situation next month.

The group, all members of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, will leave the United States Jan. 1st for Damascus, Syria; Amman, Jordan; Tel Aviv, Israel; Tehran, Iran; and Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, meeting with foreign officials in each

country. "Although the House leadership has decided not to convene the Congress until Jan. 14 instead of the constitutionally required Jan. 3, I want to get back to work," Lagomarsino said. "Since I am a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and since this is potentially the most dangerous area to world peace I am glad to have been selected to take part in this study mission." Under specific examination

by the Committee, which has jurisdiction over all foreign relations, will be: administration and application of U.S. foreign aid, problems involving the future availability of Middle Eastern oil, the Palestinian refugee problem, and the future of the potentially explosive Arab-Israeli conflict. The group will return to Washington on Jan. 12. Lagomarsino (R-Ojai) has also announced the dissolution of his law partnership in

Ventura.

"I haven't actively practiced law for several years, nor have I derived any income from the partnership since before my election to Congress," the freshman congressman said. "Now that I've been elected to a full term, I feel it is best to dissolve the partnership to avoid even a suggestion of conflict of duties or interest."

Lagomarsino said the dissolution of the partnership with attorney John Danch will take place effective January 1.

Closing stocks

The following closing stock quotations are furnished the Record through Lang and Co., 3665-F Constellation Road, Lompoc, 733-3551.

American Air	5	Gen. Mtrs.	30%	Teleprompter	13%
Amer. Mot.	3%	Gen. Tel.	16%	Texaco	20%
APECO	9-16ths	Gulf Oil	17%	TransAmerica	5 1/2
AT & T	44%	Imprl. Corp.	7%	Union Oil	38%
Anaconda	13%	Int. Harv.	18%	United A-C	32 1/4
		Int. Paper	33%	U.S. Steel	37%
Beth Stl	24%	ITT	13%	Westinghouse	8%
Boeing	15 1/2	Johns Man.	17%	Zapata Corp.	25
Boise Cask	10%	Kaiser Ind.	4%	30 Indust.	602.16 dn 2.58
Braniff Air	4%	Lear Sieg	3%	20 Trans.	140.90 dn 62
Bunker Ramo	3%	Lockheed	3 1/2	15 Utilities	66.52 up .03
		L.T.V. Corp.	8%	Clos Vol.	13,060,000
Champ Homes	2 1/4	McDon Doug	8		
Chrysler	7%				
City Inv.	4%	Oxy	12 1/2		
Cont. Oil	44%	Pac. Gas & Elec.	19%		
Comp. Sci.	1%	Pac. Swst. Air	3%		
Dupont	90 1/2				
D. W. G.	1%	RCA	10%		
Eastman Kodak	61	Rapid American Wts	1		
Exxon	63%	Sambos	7 1/4		
Fleetwood	9	Sears Roebuck	48%		
		So. Cal. Edison	17%		
Ford Mtr.	33 1/2	Sperry Rand	26%		
GAC Corp.	15-16ths	Standard Oil	21%		
Gen. Dynam	19	Teledyne	10%		
Gen. Elec.	32%				

Douglas gets Shuttle contract

A two-phase payload planning study contract for the country's Space Transportation System, including the Space Shuttle, has been negotiated with McDonnell Douglas Astronautics Co., Huntington Beach, Calif., by the NASA-Marshall Space Flight Center.

The Phase I study, funded at \$116,214 for a six month period, will work out scheduling for shuttle use planning. The second phase of the study, funded at \$183,240 for an additional period of nine months, would validate a master planning technique and establish specifications for scheduling techniques. Both contracts total \$299,454.

Studies conducted over the past several years have consistently shown potentially substantial economic benefits from the Space Transportation System, NASA officials say. One of the major objectives during the next one to two decades is effective utilization of the Space Shuttle, the Initial Upper Stage-Space Tug and the Spacelab.

The two-phase study to be completed by McDonnell Douglas should lead to a concept for the firm assignment of payloads to scheduled Shuttle flights, according to NASA. It will interface with activities at other NASA centers in the areas of ground operations, mission planning and integration of flight plans.

County to get 137-acre park

Santa Barbara County should be in possession of the 137-acre Lake Los Carneros property — which will become a regional park — by the end of this year.



WINTER FROST lingers briefly on the tips of the short grass at Vandenberg Village Country Club before the still bright December sun melts it into the fairway. In the background, Village residential area wakes up to another chilly morning.



THIS 7-MONTH-OLD COLT held by Tish Martelson and donated by one of the thoroughbred farms in the Santa Ynez Valley will be given away as a prize at the Theaterfest Western Day to be held at Monte and Pat's Thoroughbred Farm in Solvang Sunday, Dec. 30, from 11 a.m. till 2:30 p.m. Also featured will be thoroughbred races, Arabian horse races, mule races and dog races, plus rides on Pea Soup Andersen's horse drawn carriage and tours of the famous training farm. Admission is \$1. A barbecue steak dinner, priced at \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12, will be served. The farm, formerly known as the Flag Is Up Farm, is located between Buellton and Solvang on Route 246. All proceeds from the event will go to help finance construction of the new outdoor community theatre in Solvang.

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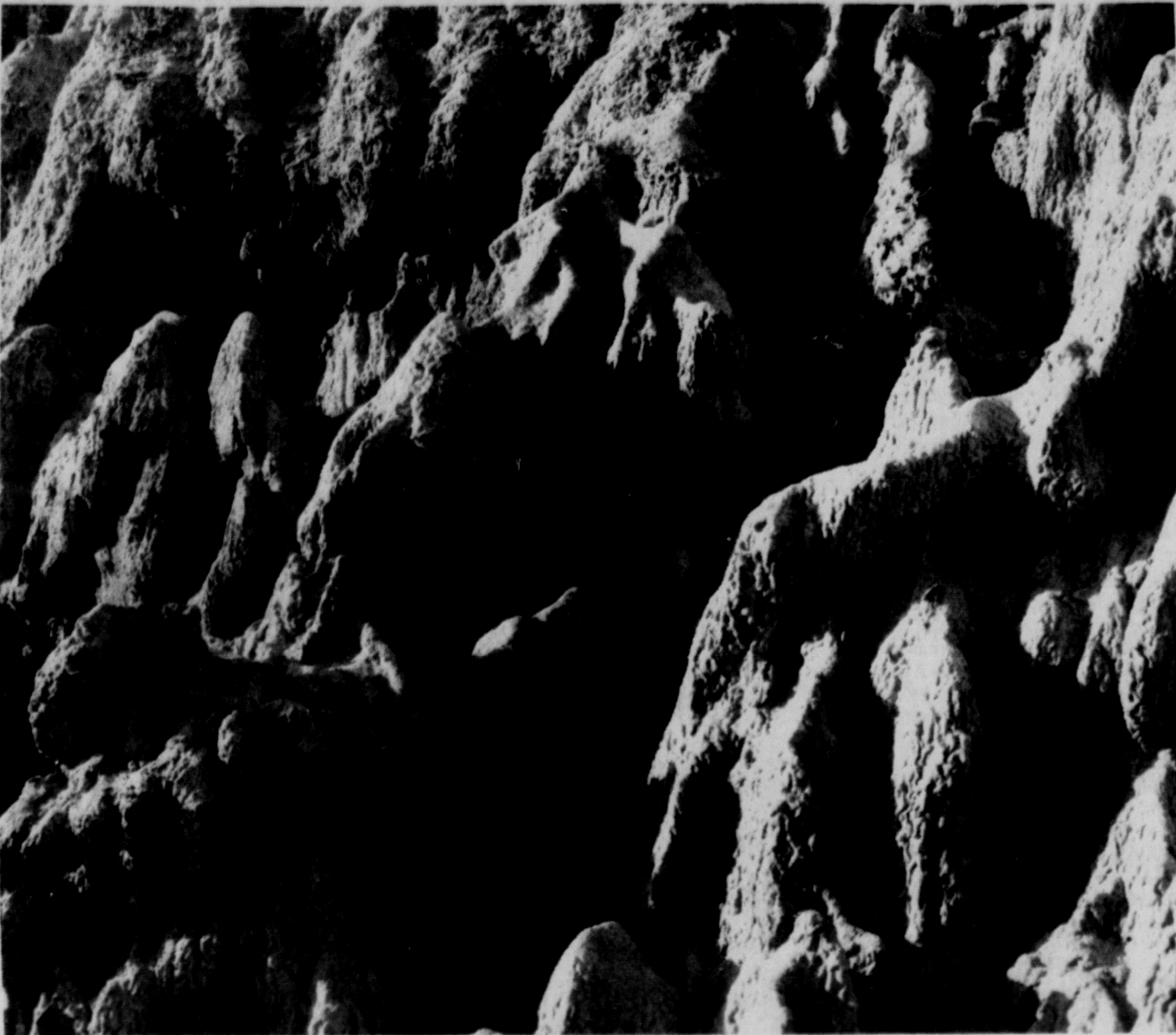
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THE GRAND CANYON seen from a 747? An eagle's view of the Himalayas? An Antarctic glacier glimpsed from a U-2 spy plane? Would you believe a close-up photo of the highway cut just south of the Wye in Lompoc? Winter rains have eroded this section of earthen bank next to Highway 1 to reveal this mountainous pattern.

After 12-hour holdout

Convict executes farm wife, girl

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind. (UPI) — A convict who escaped from an open prison farm shot and killed a farm wife and her 19-year-old daughter Thursday night minutes before he quietly surrendered to police.

A third hostage, another daughter, was released, terrified but unharmed.

More than 12 hours later police were attempting to determine why the women were held hostage unharmed for six hours and then killed.

"I wish we knew," a state police sergeant said today.

The 26-year-old convict used two names, according to Indiana State prison authorities. He was known as Riley Mosley Jr., and Riley Moses Jr., and had a history of mental trouble.

Authorities said he escaped from the minimum security farm at the Indiana State Prison here Thursday afternoon and stole a gun from the prison foreman's home.

Officers said he held Mrs. Marian Napierala, 54, and her daughters Gayle, 19, and Cindy, 17, at gunpoint, negotiating with a representative of a prison inmates group for more than six hours.

Authorities said the convict shot to death Mrs. Napierala and Gayle a few minutes before he walked from the farmhouse and surrendered. Cindy was hospitalized with severe shock but otherwise unharmed.

A police spokesman said the convict "talked several times with officers and he said he had no intention of harming the victims. The house was not rushed."

Mosley or Moses was in custody at the main prison while authorities interrogated him and decided on what charges to file. An autopsy was scheduled for the victims.

Authorities said police surrounded the home near Michigan City

after Mrs. Napierala's son Mark, 11, told them the man had broken in. Officers said the boy managed to escape through a basement window while Mosley broke into the house.

"All of us involved felt he was eventually going to come out without anybody being hurt," said State Police Capt. Roy Sheets.

"That was the last thing in our minds that he was going to harm anybody. We felt that if he was going to harm anybody, it would be himself."

Police said they had talked with Mosley and the hostages up to 15 minutes before Mosley's surrender and that the hostages had said they were unharmed.

The shootings apparently occurred within the next few minutes — shortly before Mosley walked out of the house and surrendered.

As he strode from the house, he said only: "I cut my hand."

Police said the convict, who had been armed with a rifle and a pistol, apparently injured the hand while breaking into the house.

Jon Shafer, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Corrections, said Mrs. Napierala's husband and another daughter were away — apparently visiting someone at a Michigan City hospital — when Mosley burst into the home.

Shafer said Mosley apparently walked away from the minimum security prison farm "trustly area" Thursday afternoon, broke into the home of Bill Schopmeyer, foreman of the West Prison Farm facility, and stole a .38-caliber revolver.

"He apparently then walked — or ran — the 1½ miles to the Napierala home and took them hostage," Shafer said.

Prison officials said Mosley had served three years of a 10-to-20-year prison term for an armed robbery conviction in Indianapolis and had been assigned to the west farm — a minimum security unit without bars or fences — in August.

Higher electricity taxes, 1,129 other state laws take effect Jan. 1

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Californians will begin paying higher electricity taxes next month to finance a new state energy commission empowered to site nuclear power plants and ban inefficient home appliances.

Rape victims also will suffer less harassment in court, pay toilets will be banned in public buildings and it no longer will be illegal to swear in the presence of women and children when 1,129 new state laws take effect on New Year's Day.

Other legacies of retiring Gov. Ronald Reagan and the 1974 legislature include laws requiring motorists to obtain insurance, regulating low-cost cremation societies, legalizing midwifery and permitting the sale of green sea turtle meat.

Reagan signed 1,542 bills during his final year in office. Some 413 of them, including a measure repealing early pensions for lawmakers, were "urgency" bills and took effect immediately. The remainder will become law on Jan. 1.

Legislative leaders agree the new energy law, authored by Assemblyman Charles Warren, D-Los Angeles was the most significant product of the 1974 session.

It will impose a \$15 million-a-year tax on electricity users, averaging between 60 and 80 cents annually for typical residential consumers.

The revenue will finance research by a five-member energy commission, to be appointed by Gov.-elect Edmund G. Brown Jr., that will

become the sole state agency to site power plants and set new efficiency standards for appliances, lighting and heating.

The 1974 session was also a banner year for women. More than 35 bills extending women's legal rights were enacted, including a packet of legislation aimed at lessening the embarrassment endured by rape victims in court.

One law, by Sen. Alan Robbins, D-Van Nuys, will limit substantially the instances when a rape victim can be questioned in open court about her past sex life.

Another measure by Assemblyman Alan Sieroty, D-Los Angeles, will prevent judges from referring to rape victims who had previous sexual intercourse as being of "unchaste character" and of doubtful credibility.

Additional laws will put women and men on more even footing in dealing with family-owned property, permit women to register to vote with the prefix "Ms." and grant married women greater rights to establish their own credit ratings.

Here are highlights of other new laws taking effect Jan. 1:

AUTOS — A motorist who fails to purchase automobile insurance will face a \$100 fine or revocation of his driver's license.

TOILETS — After years of struggle, Assemblywoman March Fong Eu finally persuaded the legislature to ban pay toilets in public buildings. In the process, she used the issue in her successful campaign to become secretary of State.

PROPHYLACTICS — Any type of retail merchant will be allowed to sell prophylactics in an attempt to reduce venereal disease. Currently, only pharmacists can sell the birth control devices.

TURTLES — Sea turtles will no longer be protected as an endangered species and can be sold commercially for meat and oil. The turtles will come

from the British West Indies where firms are experimenting with domestic turtle farms. Conservationists warned the law will encourage worldwide turtle poaching.

CREMATE — Low-cost cremation societies will be regulated by the state Funeral Directors Board despite vehement opposition by society officials who contend the funeral directors will drive them out of business through over regulation.

MIDWIVES — Nurses will be able to be certified as midwives after special training. Midwifery has been banned in California since 1949.

FARM — The state agriculture director will have massive power over prices and quality of 34 California farm crops by establishing new marketing standards. Opponents contended the bill will make the director "the biggest single commodity broker in the world."

NEWS — Newsmen will be protected from court subpoenas seeking unpublished material collected for news stories. Current "shield laws" grant newsmen the privilege to maintain the confidentiality of sources.

DEATH — A person will be legally dead when his brain stops working even though other organs, including the heart, continue to function. The law is designed to increase the use of organ transplants.

PRESIDENCY — California Democrats will select their presidential choice through an "open primary" instead of the current winner-take-all system. Delegates to national conventions will be selected on a proportional system based on the number of votes received by major presidential contenders.

ANIMALS — Gorillas, ocelots and other exotic animals will gain extra protection. Commercial ownership, transportation and importation of the animals will be banned by the state.

Promises made, hostages freed

Lorton prison siege over

LORTON, Va. (UPI) — The uprising began during the Christmas night showing of a Kung Fu movie, "The Hong Kong Connection." A dozen armed prisoners burst from the maximum security dining hall used as a theater and ran for the wall of Lorton Reformatory.

Only four got out of the prison and one was fatally wounded by a guard's rifle shot.

The estimated 90 to 95 others, armed with butcher knives, returned to the dining hall, interrupted the movie, seized 10 persons hostage and held them for 20 hours.

Before it was over Thursday afternoon, District of Columbia officials agreed to meet a series of demands for improved conditions. But the freedom of the last hostages was delayed by a demand for a written guarantee that ringleaders of the revolt would not be prosecuted.

U.S. Attorney David Hopkins refused to make the pledge, although he said in a letter he would confer with D.C. officials before any charges were brought and give "fair and calm consideration of the facts involved as would be our normal practice."

"Immunity from prosecution is not a negotiable factor in a prison matter," he said.

When Hopkins' letter arrived, the prisoners released the seven remaining hostages unharmed, gave up their weapons and returned quietly to their cells.

During the negotiations the rebellion's leaders were unaware that one of the instigators of the escape attempt had been killed or that three inmates remained at large.

The prisoners insisted newsmen be present for the talks, and seven newsmen were let inside. "Once you walk through the doors you are their hostage," one of the guards said.

Mo Cavanaugh, serving 15 years to life on aggravated assault charges, had another viewpoint.

"We know if ya'll (reporters) had not come down here it would be another Attica tonight," he said, referring to a rebellion at that New York prison that left 43 inmates and guards dead.

There were no weapons in sight, but no one doubted the prisoners were armed. Wives and female relatives of the inmates were brought in and gave their own advice during

the bargaining.

The inmates described their frustrations. "It's a process of taking a man's mind away, driving a man mad. A chosen few get to do what they want," inmate Thomas Reed told prison authorities across an improvised negotiating table.

Cavanaugh discussed the fate of the hostages. "If we give up the hostages, we're going to surrender weapons ... everything," he said. "We know we're not going to win tonight."

During the talks about possible reprisals, Corrections Department Director Delbert Jackson said, "Somewhere along the line you're going to have to trust me. I promised you would return to your normal cell block. I'm asking you on this particular issue to trust me."

Then the letter from Hopkins arrived, and the 20-hour ordeal was over.

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No-growthers win state court bout over planning

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The State Supreme Court Thursday handed conservationists a victory by ruling that zoning ordinances enacted through popular vote do not violate rights of interested parties such as property owners or builders.

In two 4-3 decisions, the court upheld a San Diego height limitation for buildings in a coastal zone and a San Jose moratorium on residential zoning in an area threatened with school overcrowding.

Justice Mathew O. Tobrinber rejected the argument that use of the initiative violated the due process clause of the constitution because it did not provide for notice and hearing for all affected property owners. The judges said the hearings and notice are only

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Cal holiday deaths light

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — The Christmas holiday was the safest one in 17 years for California motorists because of good weather and slower speeds, according to Highway Patrol Commissioner Dan Lanza.

Lanza Thursday reported 15 persons died on California highways during the 30-hour holiday, the lowest total since 1957 when 12 persons died. One motorist also died on a private roadway. Last year, 42 persons died during a 102-hour holiday.

Lanza said eight of the 13 fatal accidents involved a drunken driver and that none of the 15 accident victims wore a seat belt. Highway Patrol officers made 594 drunken driving arrests.

The commissioner credited good weather and reduced speed for the low traffic death toll, but cautioned motorists to "exercise patience" through the New Year because of expected heavy traffic.

State GOP calls for PUC probe

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — A Republican assemblyman has called for a legislative investigation into charges that the Public Utilities Commission favors the utilities it regulates when granting rate increases.

Assemblyman Jerry Lewis of Highland made the request in a letter Thursday to Assembly Speaker Leo T. McCarthy, D-San Francisco, urging that state lawmakers take an active role in reviewing the PUC to make it more responsive to consumers.

"In recent years it has become obvious that the commission does not look out for the best interests of the consumers because it has failed to act as an adversary of the utilities," Lewis said.

Lewis Thursday also introduced a measure (AB348) to establish an Office of Public Users Counsel within the PUC to provide consumers with legal representation and technical advice in disputes with utilities.

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Nunnelees celebrate anniversary

Children host afternoon party

A gala occasion was the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Robert (Dell) Nunnelee, 432 N. First St., as friends and relatives helped to celebrate the event on the Sunday afternoon previously. Hosting the party were the couple's children: daughter Robbie Legendre, sons Robert and Kase of Paxton, Ill.; sons Richard Nunnelee, stationed at Port Hueneme; Danny Nunnelee, his wife Megan and their son Jason, stationed at Camp Pendleton.

Mrs. Nunnelee greeted the approximately 50 guests in a long silver lame gown. Silver tapers in a silver candelabra flanked the anniversary cake centering the refreshment table with a floral arrangement accented by orange tapers. A champagne toast was offered in honor of the celebrants.

Guests were entertained by the organ and guitar music played by long-time friends, Chick and Rosie McIntosh. Also playing a number of special requests was Gail (Mrs. G.E.) Benson.

Adding to the pleasure of the occasion were congratulatory telephone calls from the Nunnelee's son-in-law, Donald Legendre of Paxton, Ill. and from long-time friends, Clarence and Merriane Pritchard of Bullhead, Ariz.

The former Dell Jetton and Robert Nunnelee were married Dec. 17, 1949 at the Methodist Church in Las Vegas, Nev. They made their home at Port Hueneme until their move to Lompoc in 1960.

Coming from out of town for the anniversary party were her parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Jetton of Port Hueneme, Winfred Jetton and his wife from Oxnard; Nunnelee's brother, sister-in-law and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Nunnelee of Lakewood and Ms. Penny Ketchum of Mena, Ark.

An unexpected and happy occurrence the day following her anniversary came as Dell was announced as winner of the Lompoc Quota Club's annual treasure chest.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nunnelee
— Olivera photo



FILIPINO CULTURE was displayed through native dances performed last week by members of the American-Filipino Club, from left, standing: Mrs. Fely Tabin, Mrs. Josie Finch, Mrs. Linda Evans, Mrs. Patsy Valenzona, Mrs. Ligaya Bautista, Mrs. Vera Villanueva, Miss Ngair Valenzona, Mrs. Connie Werner, Mrs. Dorothy Valenzona and Miss Margaret Conrad; seated: Mrs. Belin Libonao, Arturo Limjoco and Mrs. Fely Conrad. The presentation was a "thank you" to Lompoc for the Filipino community's "home away from home."

— Bruce Fall photo

Pasko Sa Nayon is great success

"Lagalag Band" of Santa Barbara played until 1 a.m., completing the success of the Lompoc Filipino-American Club's annual Christmas party called "Pasko Sa Nayon." Earlier in the evening Saturday last, folk dance presentations were performed in authentic costumes for the pleasure of friends. Guests were present from Lompoc Senior Citizens Club, Club Arcturus, Vandenberg Air Force Base,

the Santa Barbara Filipino Club, Santa Maria Filipino Club, Oxnard Filipino Club.

Mid-evening, Mayor and Mrs. E.C. Stevens, Councilmen Emil Scolari, Art Scott and their wives, Councilwoman Charlotte Benton, Gene and Donna Wahlers joined other guests and participated in the dancing following the last half of the program.

Included in the native dances were "Ang Paypay" (The Fan), "La Jota Cagayana," "La Jota Moncadena," and immediately preceding a refreshment break, the guest performance of the "Manilenias." Members of the professional group from Santa Barbara were: Remedios Roxas, Ofelia Tagatac, Nerbie Tagatac and Kathy Velasquez. Called "Mindanao," the Moro dance they performed originates in the Southernmost part of the Philippines. Their costumes and dance movements are Muslim influenced.

Refreshments were the Filipino delicacy "Lumpia" with sweet-sour sauce and sweet rice cakes.

Diverting from the dances of the Spanish period, local dancers proceeded to the "occupational" theme, their movements demonstrating the planting, harvesting, pounding and winnowing of rice.

In the bamboo dance, better known as "Tinikling," dancers imitate long legged birds hopping over rice fields. Dancers Josie Finch and Art Limjoco showed great dexterity as they danced in and out of large bamboo poles "clapped" by Pete and Marian Limjoco.

Concluding the stage program was the "Pandango Sa Ilaw" performed by dancers with candlelit glasses atop their heads and on the backs of their hands.

In charge of dance costumes, colorfully authentic to the last detail, were Mrs. Ray Cruz, Mrs. Quintin Acosta and Mrs. Joe Bautista.

"Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon" was wished for their guests by officers and members of the club. Translated: "Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year."

A club dance group will perform for long-term residents at Lompoc Hospital Jan. 4 from 4-5 p.m.

Also announced is the year's scholarship recipient, Nick Garife who presently continues his studies at Lassen College at Susanville.

TBPA party is Christmas celebration

In spirit it was an evening "back home" as members and guests of Transatlantic Brides and Parents Association celebrated Christmas at the Community Center on East Maple Ave. Foods, music and games followed the English theme.

Members contributed their favorite "goodies" for the bountiful buffet centered by a large Christmas cake. English pastries, sausage rolls, mince meat tarts, shortbreads and cookies, fruit cakes, salads and meats were tempting taste treats. Large punch bowls had appropriate red and green beverages.

Hostesses were the club officers headed by Betty (Mrs. Robert) Baray, Audrey (Mrs. Art) Smith and May (Mrs. Charles) Letson were in charge of food. Decorations in holiday theme were by Marjorie Whatley and her committee.

Entertaining with organ and vocal selections, Alec Turner and his sister Edith (Mrs. James) McIntyre, native Scots, chose traditional songs and carols of their homeland, singing both solo and duet.

Games and impromptu dances were enjoyed by both participants and the onlookers.

Next regular club meeting will be held the evening of Jan. 9 in the Hospitality House.

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Valley Life

Betty Laurent — Editor

Mike Van Sickle wins Scouts pinewood derby

Mike Van Sickle was the top winner in the pinewood derby of Cub Scout Pack 63 in First Presbyterian Church. Placing second over all was Drew Phillips. Third place winner was James Willis. Each was presented with a plaque.

In preliminary races, David Whitlow, James Willis and Michael Muller participated in the eight-year-old division; Jeff Julien, Drew Phillips and Robert McChesney, the nine-year-old; Robert Carpenter, Roby Levy, Mike Van Sickle, Sam Skinner and Troy Dotson, the ten-year-old. Blue ribbons were given to each boy.

Assisting in the weighing and starting were Jim Julien and Darrel Van Sickle. Judging the races were Darlene

Brocksmith and Fred McVicar.

Scoutmaster Robert Levy presided and announced coming events. A whistle was ceremoniously presented to Carol Boyer for her training of the boys for marching in the city's recent Christmas Children's Parade. The trophy and ribbon they won was displayed and the ribbon attached to the Pack's official flag. Presentation of the trophy was made by Jeff Julien, Bobby Carpenter and Scoutmaster Levy at the Sunday worship service in First Presbyterian Church.

Closing the derby race program was a song by members of den 1 and group singing of Christmas carols.



Dear Abby

He wants Abby to choose his wife

DEAR ABBY: I have a big decision to make and I need your help. My wife died 14 months ago. She was 41, and I am 39. We never had any children as she was never strong enough.

Two women came into my life and both are pressing for marriage. One is a fine lady who could give me an easy life. By that I mean a place in society, a beautiful home and a very, very secure income. I would never have to worry about money with this lady. She is a widow who says she is 51, and she looks it — and more. She can't give me a very exciting love life, however, as she is quite dried up and not a beauty by any means.

The other woman has nothing to offer except herself. An exciting love life would be assured with this one. She is very good to look at, and is only 28.

If I knew I would live to a ripe old age, I'd marry the widow, but if I could be sure I would die in 10 to 15 years from now I would marry the younger one.

Please don't leave this decision up to me. One day I think one way and the next day I change my mind. Thank you.

CAN'T DECIDE

DEAR ACN'T: If you think I am going to choose your wife for you, you're mistaken. That's a choice you'll have to make yourself. Nobody knows how long he'll live, but it's wise to live as though there will be a tomorrow — because there usually is.

DEAR ABBY: I hope you won't think I am out of my mind, but I have always had the feeling that they gave me the wrong baby when I left the hospital.

The "baby" is now 15 years old and I can't get this notion out of my head.

I have the baby's little footprint on the certificate of birth, and I know footprints don't change, so I wonder if you would think I was crazy if I asked my daughter to step in some ink and make another footprint to compare to the one of her certificate?

Thank you for not laughing.

WRONG BABY MAYBE

DEAR WRONG: If it will make you feel better, go ahead. But be warned: How will you feel and what will you do if the footprints do NOT match?

DEAR ABBY: My husband had a very bad heart attack a month ago. We live in the country and there wasn't an ambulance available, so I drove him 52 miles to the hospital. Need I tell you what an ordeal that was?

I stayed with my husband for three hours, then the doctor told me he was out of danger so I should go home and get some rest, so I went home.

In the meantime I had phoned my daughter and son to tell them about their

father. When my daughter got to the hospital and found that I had gone home, she called and raised the roof, saying I should have stayed at the hospital with her father. Abby, she has brought this up several times since, and it bothers me.

I love my husband dearly and prayed for his recovery night and day, but my daughter keeps trying to make me feel guilty.

Do you think I neglected my husband?

HURT

DEAR HURT: You took the doctor's advice, which I think was very wise. Your daughter can't make you feel guilty without your cooperation. You KNOW you didn't neglect your husband, so tune your daughter out, and don't feel hurt.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "NO BEAUTY" IN BEVERLY HILLS: I don't know who said it, but wise was he who quipped: "Beauty is a gift. Charm must be cultivated. A beautiful woman is one I notice. A charming woman is one who notices ME."



MISSIONARY SERVICE for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints will take Mark Mineer Harris to San Antonio, Texas Spanish Speaking Mission following a two month language training course at Brigham Young University at Provo, Utah. A 1974 graduate of Lompoc High School, and a full block student at Brigham Young, studying opera, Mark appeared as Emile DeBeck in the "South Pacific" school production. He has been working at Scolari's Market. Mark is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne (Arlene) Harris, 3898 Neptune Ave., Vandenberg Village.

Girls Club sewing room is project

Beta Pi Sigma, Lambda Chapter will keep supplies in the sewing room for Lompoc Girls Club in the coming year as a part of its community service. The project was voted at the December meeting in the home of Connie Fortier.

Purpose of the sorority is "to stimulate civic, educational and cultural interests in its members by promoting tangible projects for the betterment of the community, or communities where the corporation might exist, by endowing scholarships to worthy students to further their education in the business and professional world." The sorority is of a non-profit nature.

Named as officers for the coming year were: Dorothy Jackson, Basileus; Sallie Hammond, first Anti Basileus; Gwendolyn Patterson, second Anti Basileus; Mary Jones, third Anti Basileus; Connie Fortier, Tamias; Lula Ricks, financial grammetus; Annie Jeter, recording grammetus; Patsy Boyd, corresponding grammetus; Jerry Mantooth, parliamentarian; Chris Hutchinson, auditor; June Brown, business manager; Jeri Harshaw, historian; Addie Singleton, ritual chairman; Edith Hicks, editor-reporter.

Following the business session, Christmas gifts were exchanged by members and husbands joined the group for a potluck luncheon.

Next meeting will be held at 3 p.m. Jan. 11 in the home of Chris Hutchinson.



A CANDY HOUSE was the Christmas week handiwork for residents of Lompoc Hospital long-term care unit, assisted by local volunteers. Pictured in the process are: Emma Doughty and Emelia Chaves, seated left and right; Sharon Haig and Linda Pauling of Bethany Lutheran Church and Lorna Russell of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Visiting the hospital residents on a regular basis, the church ladies devise interesting projects as a welcome diversion for the patients.

Nation's weather
Winter snow storms
immobilize Southwest

United Press International
A powerful winter storm has immobilized portions of the Southwest, piling up the heaviest snowfall in a decade in portions of New Mexico and spreading snow as far south as El Paso, Tex.
At least three persons died on New Mexico's snow-slicked roadways as a result of the storm and authorities were searching for a 14-year-old boy who went rabbit hunting Christmas day before the storm moved in.
More than 100 persons, using horses and four-wheel drive vehicles, were searching the Truth or Consequences, N.M., area for Joseph Cordova of Albuquerque, who got separated from his father and brother.
Sierra County authorities said the boy's best chance is to keep moving.
"If he sits down under the brush it would be difficult to spot him," a police spokesman said.
Several aircraft have joined the search.
The storm eased somewhat Thursday after dumping up 12 inches of snow at Las Cruces in extreme southern New Mexico—the heaviest snowfall in at least a decade. However, all highways were reported open.
The storm eased somewhat Thursday, but travel was discouraged west of the Pecos River in Texas.
The Texas Department of Public Safety ordered all vehicles trying to navigate windy Guadalupe Pass in West Texas to use tire chains.
Five inches of snow clogged El Paso in 24 hours—the biggest Christmas snowfall on record there.

In Juarez, Mexico, just across the border, a 3-year-old child was killed when three adobe houses collapsed under the weight of the snow.
Oklahoma escaped the storm's fury, but light snow dusted the Oklahoma panhandle and light rain froze on the pavements in some western portions of the state. Travelers' advisories were in effect for more freezing rain.
Snow whitened much of Nebraska early today and snow-packed roads triggered travelers' advisories for much of the state. Ice increased the hazard in the Omaha and Lincoln areas.
Three inches of new snow piled up a Grand Island, Neb.
Snow dusted southwestern Iowa late Thursday night and was expected to spread over much of the state early today.
Freezing rain mixed with the new-fallen snow in the southwestern portion of the state and motorists were advised to drive with caution.

'Goofy things' cited
in state boom in
private air crashes

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — "Strange accidents and goofy things" may be partly responsible for an increase this year in private airplane crashes and deaths in California, a state safety expert said Thursday.
"It seems we are having a rash of goofy things happen," said Gerald R. Barbar, head of safety and regulations for the Division of Aeronautics. "There's been a lot of strange accidents."
Division statistics show that during the first nine months of this year 196 persons died as a result of private aircraft, balloon, and glider wrecks in California.
The number dead increased by 33 compared to the same period a year ago.
The number of accidents involving these air crafts from January through September slightly increased to 622 from 607.
Not included in the statistics was a Nevada family of eight which perished last week when their light plane crashed in the snowy California Sierra.
There are about 110,000 qualified pilots in California and 24,000 privately-owned aircraft.
"Nobody seems to learn from experience," said Barbar. "The same kind of accidents are happening today that happened 20 years ago."
Although there is an increase in accidents and deaths so far this year, Barbar said such statistics have remained rather constant over the years.

Finch ponders Senate
race against Tunney

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Former Lt. Gov. Robert H. Finch, who has been "seriously considering" seeking the U.S. Senate seat of Democrat John V. Tunney, called a news conference today to announce his political plans.
For months Finch, one-time political confidant of ex-President Richard Nixon, has been testing the waters for a possible political comeback and would become the first Republican to declare officially his candidacy for Tunney's seat in 1976.
Tunney, who defeated Republican Sen. George Murphy in 1970, has not yet announced for a second term but is organizing a campaign staff.
Others mentioned in speculation as possible GOP candidates include Mayor Pete Wilson of San Diego, President William Banowsky of Pepperdine College; State Sen. Dennis Carpenter of Newport Beach, Gov. Ronald Reagan and veteran Aussenor Philip Watson of Los Angeles County.

B of A warns on
gold speculation

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — The world's largest commercial bank has warned its customers that speculating in gold "could be an unwise move for the small or unsophisticated purchaser."
Noting that gold trade will become legal in the U.S. Dec. 31, the Bank of America said the costs of speculating could result in losses for the unwary small investor. The bank called the gold market "uncertain, complicated and volatile."

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State Demos increase control
of vital Senate money panels

SACRAMENTO (UPI) — Democrats increased their control of important Senate money committees under new committee assignments for the 1975-76 legislative session announced Thursday.
Two liberal Democrats and a liberal Republican were added to the key Finance Committee, replacing colleagues who retired or moved to other committees. It is an addition of an extra Democrat, making the partisan balance of the committee 8-to-5 in favor of Democrats. Previously it was 7-to-6.
The Finance Committee, where the state's \$10 billion-plus budget will be reviewed and all money bills heard, will be chaired for the first time by liberal Democrat Anthony C. Beilenson, D-Los Angeles. Beilenson replaced the dean of the legislature, Sen. Randolph Collier, D-Yreka, in a re-shuffling of chairmanship assignments announced earlier this month.
Democratic majorities also were increased on the Revenue and Taxation Committee, where the line now is 6-to-3 compared to 5-to-4 last year.
The assignments were made by the Senate Rules Committee, composed of three Democrats and two Republicans.
Currently, Democrats outnumber Republicans in the Senate 25-to-15.
The new members of the Finance Committee are Democratic Sens. Nicholas C. Petris of Oakland and David A. Roberti of Los Angeles, the Republican Peter H. Behr of Tiburon.
In other changes, the Public Utilities and Corporations Committee was expanded, given new responsibilities and renamed the Public Utilities, Transit and Energy Committee.

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Air Force ponders fate of former Academy grid star

By SCOTT OSTLER

The San Francisco 49ers may be the first pro football team in history to play for a court martial.

What the 49ers stand to gain is a potentially talented wide receiver named Ernie Jennings.

What the Air Force stands to lose is an Air Force Academy graduate, 1st Lt. Ernest Jennings, now stationed at Vandenberg Air Force Base, 4392nd Aerospace Support Group.

Jennings graduated from the Academy in Colorado in 1971 after breaking every school pass receiving record, and was drafted by the 49ers in the 10th round. The 49ers have expressed continuing interest in Jennings.

Jennings is not due to be eligible for discharge until early in 1977, due to a post-graduate obligation of five years.

But Jennings may soon face a court martial, which could conceivably lead to

a discharge.

According to the Public Information Office at Vandenberg, "He (Jennings) is charged with making certain false statements in the course of an investigation of an airman. These charges have been preferred but no decision has yet been made to convene a court martial. The investigation required under the Uniform Code of Military Justice has been submitted for consideration by the First Strategic Aerospace Division Commander."

The case is under study by an officer from the Judge Advocate's Office at Travis Air Force Base. He will make a recommendation to the 1st Strat Commander, Maj. Gen. William M. Schoning, who will decide the disposition of the case.

If the decision is to court martial Jennings, there is a possibility that he would be able, instead, to opt for a discharge.

The Public Information Office was unable to say when a decision might be reached on the disposition of Jennings' case.

Jennings played high school football in Kansas City. During his senior year at the Academy, he was among the nation's leaders in touchdown passes caught.

Shrine Game: pass vs. run

STANFORD, Calif. (UPI) — There will be no mystery in Saturday's 50th anniversary Shrine East-West football game.

The West, led by quarterbacks Steve Bartkowski, an All America from California, and Jim McMillan of Boise State, will throw and throw and throw.

The East, anchored by quarterbacks Dennis Franklin of Michigan and Fred Solomon of Tampa and backs Walter

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Probable tourney clash Bruins vs. Maryland?

United Press International

UCLA, ranked No. 3 in the nation, joins the long list of West Coast college basketball teams competing in holiday tournaments when it clashes with St. Bonaventure tonight in the Maryland Invitational.

The Bruin game with the Bonnies (2-3) at College Park, Md., precedes the contest between Maryland, ranked No. 7, and Georgia Tech. Should the Bruins and Terps survive as expected, they will meet in the nationally televised tournament final.

Last year UCLA edged the Terps, 65-64, in Pauley Pavilion.

California and Stanford also open tourney play tonight with the Bears pitting their 5-1 record against unbeaten Arizona in the Old Dominion Classic at Norfolk, Va. Meanwhile, Stanford, 4-2, takes on Illinois in the Lobo Tournament in New Mexico.

Santa Clara plays in the Indiana State Classic tonight, while WCAC foe USF chances on Texas Christian in the San Francisco Invitational.

On Saturday, USC meets Rutgers in the Holiday Festival in New York.

Oregon and San Jose State have already seen action in tournaments with the Spartans being defeated and Oregon, ranked No. 9 in the nation still unbeaten after turning back a tough Creighton squad, 75-64, in the Far West Classic in Portland. San Jose fell to Hawaii 64-63 in the Rainbow classic.

Oregon State takes on Arizona State in the semifinals Saturday. The Sun Devils downed Boston College, 81-73, in the other game.

Washington State plays Wake Forest and Oregon State takes on Iowa tonight to round out the opening games.

Local golfer has (PGA) card, will hop

Caldwell's off to big leagues

By SCOTT OSTLER

On the glamorous Professional Golfers Association (PGA) tour, there is only so much champagne and so much money and so much glamour to go around.

There will be little glamour, for instance, one week from Monday at about 7 in the morning, on the first tee in Phoenix, when the sun will not yet have cut through the hand-numbing frost.

Jack and Arnie and Johnny and the other stars and semi-stars will not be there. For them, the tournament starts the following Thursday.

But the rabbits will be there, shivering and looking very determined.

For the rabbits, each tournament starts on a Monday morning. And for most of them, it's over by Monday afternoon, when they'll head off sadly to the next tourney.

Rex Caldwell of Lompoc is new to this rabbit business. At 6-2 and 170 pounds, with thick reddish hair, he doesn't even look like a rabbit.

A rabbit? In golf that's one of the 200 or so card-carrying professionals who have not yet earned "exemption" from qualifying for tournaments. So they hop from town to town, playing 18 holes each Monday to try to qualify to compete in that week's tournament.

Depending upon the tournament, there will be 150 to 200 rabbits battling each Monday for the 15 to 40 spots open in the tournament.

These rabbits are not your weekend sharpies or office tourney winners. They are highly skilled professionals who have, in most cases, devoted their lives to the game. They want very badly to qualify. There are no checks handed out on Monday. And the much-coveted "exemption" can only be earned through performance at the actual tournament.

"That Monday qualifying is the worst thing out there," said Rex Caldwell, who will soon be out there. Rex recently earned his PGA tour card. He left yesterday with his new wife Marge (they were

married Dec. 9) for the Phoenix Open, the season's first tourney.

Rex is a minor league standout trying to make it in the big leagues.

"This past year," says Caldwell, "performance-wise and money-winning-wise I was probably one of the better players off the tour. Now I'm going kind of from the top of the junior pros to the bottom of the big boys."

Rex is 24 years old, a graduate of Lompoc High (he also attended Cabrillo), Hancock College, and Valley State, where he was a Little All-American.

He spent the last two years on the mini-tour circuit, which anyone can join by anteing up a sizeable entry fee. The pot is then divided among the top finishers.

Last year Rex won "between 20 and 30 thousand dollars — I don't know exactly." About half of the money went to his sponsors, a group of seven Village Country Club members.

The mini tour is nice, but the PGA tour is the goal of every serious golfer.

How does one get on the PGA tour? Once each year the PGA holds a qualifying school. To be accepted, one must produce a letter from a recognized pro attesting to one's ability. No duffers need apply.

This year there were 530 golfers admitted to the school, in three regional tournaments. Seventy-eight of them made it to the final school, and 19 of them finally earned a card. The other 521 may try again next year.

The card is everything. That's why one veteran golfer told Caldwell, "The qualifying school may be the toughest tournament you'll ever play in."

Rex actually took the lead after five rounds of the final eight-round school. That called for a celebration, so he proposed to Marge. Then he shot 75-67-77 to wind up in a tie for seventh, still good enough to earn a card and \$900.

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...says Rex Caldwell, displaying the smooth, self-taught swing that has earned him a chance to play on the PGA tour. Rex will get his first shot one week from Monday, when he'll try to qualify for the Phoenix Open.

Rams, Steelers in last-minute tune-up drills

Cards rout Kentucky; Purdue upset

United Press International

They're as relentless as death and taxes. If one doesn't get ya, then the other will.

Fourth-ranked Louisville continued its victory march Thursday night with Allen Murphy doing the honors in the opening round of the Holiday Classic.

Murphy and Junior Bridgeman have taken turns providing the impetus for the Cardinals' unbeaten record this season and Thursday was Murphy's turn. He responded with 24 points and the Cardinals rolled over Western Kentucky, 107-81.

Bridgeman's modest contribution to the evening's festivities was 15 points.

Louisville will meet Florida State in Saturday's championship final after the Seminoles knocked off 13th-ranked Purdue, 69-66, in the tournament opener.

A balanced scoring attack gained Florida State its sixth victory against two losses, with Greg Grady scoring a team-high 15 points in the raggedly played game. Purdue's John Garrett was the game's top scorer with 19 points.

Tom Boswell jammed the nets for 32 points in South Carolina's easy 113-81 victory over Assumption College in the Ocean State Holiday Basketball Classic.

Mike Dunleavy added 23 points to the Gamecocks' total, while John

Grochowalski was high for Assumption with 25.

In the tournament's opening game, freshman Bruce Campbell's twisting layup with 14 seconds left ended a seesaw battle with Holy Cross as 16th-ranked Providence pulled out a 76-75 victory. The game had 27 lead changes and neither team ever led by more than four points. Campbell led Providence with 19 points, while Holy Cross' Joe Carballleirra was the game's high scorer with 23.

In the Far West Classic, ninth-ranked Arizona State defeated Boston College, 81-73, and 14th-ranked Oregon dumped Creighton, 75-64.

Creighton held a 40-36 halftime lead after shooting 51 per cent from the floor, but was held to a miserable 18 per cent in the second half as the Ducks claimed the victory.

In Madison Square Garden's Holiday Festival, Fordham dropped Manhattan, 82-70, and Rutgers topped Seton Hall, 89-81, in the opening round.

Kevin Fallon, despite playing most of the second half with four fouls, hit on 10 of 11 shots in the closing 20 minutes to spark Fordham's victory over its intracity rival. Fallon finished with 22 points, while teammate Darryl Brown added 21.

Phil Sellers scored 32 points and Mike Dabney 25 to pace the Rutgers' victory.

Peach, Sun, Fiesta kick off Bowl Week

United Press International

The college football season, which will reach its climactic moment next Thursday with the crowning of a national champion, begins its countdown Saturday with three so-called "meaningless" bowl games touching off the final five days of the campaign.

With most fans eagerly awaiting next week's showdown battles between Southern California and Ohio State in the Rose Bowl and Alabama and Notre Dame in the Orange Bowl, folks can whet their appetites (or ruin them as the case may be) by tuning in the Peach Bowl, Sun Bowl and Fiesta Bowl games on Saturday.

The Peach Bowl at Atlanta pits Vanderbilt against Texas Tech and figures to be a battle between Vanderbilt's potent offense and Tech's superb defense. The Commodores' offense, led by quarterback David Lee who paced the Southeastern Conference in passing, was the best in the SEC while the Red Raiders' defense allowed more than two touchdowns only twice in 11 games.

The Sun Bowl at El Paso, Tex., matches Mississippi State against 18th-ranked North Carolina and will feature two of the nation's more powerful offenses.

The Fiesta Bowl at Tempe, Ariz., features Western Athletic Conference champion Brigham Young against Oklahoma State and matches the Cougars' splendid passing attack against one of the nation's better pass defenses.

The nation's leading passer, All-America Steve Bartkowski of California, will be on display Saturday in the East-West Shrine Game at Stanford, Calif.

Sports sked

TONIGHT: Basketball — Lompoc annual Varsity-Alumni basketball game, Lompoc High, 8 p.m.; Cabrillo vs. Kaiser in Hawaii.

SATURDAY: Basketball — Cabrillo vs. Castle, in Hawaii.

Football sked: bowls and pros	
SATURDAY:	Florida (8-3), 5 p.m., ch. 3, 7.
Sun Bowl (El Paso) — Mississippi St. (8-3) vs. North Carolina (7-4), 10 a.m., CBS-tv.	WEDNESDAY:
Peach Bowl (Atlanta) — Vanderbilt (7-3-1) vs. Texas Tech (6-4-1), 12 noon, ch. 13.	Cotton Bowl (Dallas) — Penn St. (9-2) vs. Baylor (8-3), 11 a.m., CBS-tv.
Fiesta Bowl (Tempe) — Brigham Young (7-3-1) vs. Oklahoma St. (6-5), 1 p.m., CBS-tv.	Rose Bowl (Pasadena) — Southern Cal (9-1-1) vs. Ohio St. (10-1), 1:45 p.m., NBC-tv.
East-West Shrine Game (Palo Alto) — 12:30 p.m. NBC-tv.	Orange Bowl (Miami) — Notre Dame (9-2) vs. Alabama (11-0), 4:45 p.m., NBC-tv.
MONDAY:	OTHER BOWLS: All-American Bowl (Tampa) on Jan. 4; Hula Bowl (Honolulu) on Jan. 4; Senior Bowl (Mobile) on Jan. 11.
Gator Bowl (Jacksonville) — Auburn (9-2) vs. Texas (8-3), 6 p.m., ch. 3, 7.	SUNDAY:
TUESDAY:	NFC Championship — 10 a.m., ch. 2, 12.
Sugar Bowl Nebraska (8-3) vs.	AFC Championship — 1 p.m., ch. 4, 36.

Sports shorts

Real grass bugs Woody

PASADENA, Calif. (UPI) — Ohio State coach Woody Hayes said Thursday his Buckeyes could very well be "the greatest college football team of all time," but also said that playing the New Year's Day Rose Bowl game on natural turf will give USC "a tremendous advantage."

Hayes said all of the Buckeyes' 11 other games this season have been played on artificial turf, which he feels is much superior to natural turf.

"That's why we come out here so early and work the players so hard," he explained. "They have to get their legs adjusted to natural turf."

Hayes said his two injured starters, split end Dave Hazel and offensive right tackle Scott Dannelly, joined the team for Thursday's workout.

He said that Dannelly should be at full strength by New Year's Day, while Hazel, still running with a slight limp, will probably not be ready to start.

Flyers down Capitals

United Press International

For years it was the Montreal Canadiens. Then briefly it was the Boston Bruins. Now it is the Philadelphia Flyers.

The hard-kicking Flyers currently are the hottest team in the NHL and also have become the league's biggest gate attraction. Thursday night they broke a club record by going unbeaten for the 12th straight game when they defeated the Washington Capitals, 4-1, before 18,130, second largest crowd in the league this season.

Kings 5 Canucks 1:

Backstop goalie Gary Edwards continued his mastery over Vancouver as the Kings regained a first-place tie with Montreal in the NHL's Division 3. Edwards, overshadowed by Rogie Vachon this season, ran his season's record to 7-2-2 as five Los Angeles players scored goals.

Janet Lynn misses debut

ROCKFORD, Ill. (UPI) — Skating star Janet Lynn, the highest paid woman athlete in the world, failed to make her scheduled Thursday night Ice Follies opening in Philadelphia because of viral pneumonia.

Miss Lynn's father said Thursday that Janet has been confined to her home since last Wednesday.

Miss Lynn, a five-time national women's figure skating champ and winner of a bronze medal in the 1972 winter Olympics in Japan, signed a million-dollar contract with the Ice Follies in 1973.

Ford signs LL bill

VAIL, Colo. (UPI) — President Ford signed a bill Thursday officially allowing girls to play Little League baseball.

The measure amended the federal charter of Little League Baseball, Inc., to open it officially for the first time in 35 years to "young people" instead of "boys."

The old charter proclaimed as the league's purposes to instill "citizenship, sportsmanship and manhood." The new one drops the last word.

Pirates bid for Catfish

PITTSBURGH (UPI) — President Dan Galbreath and General Manager Joe L. Brown of the Pittsburgh Pirates made a pitch for the services of pitcher Jim "Catfish" Hunter today.

The two, accompanied by an attorney, were to meet with Hunter and one of his attorneys in Ahsokie, N.C.

Hunter has listened to several offers from several major league clubs but has not signed with any of them.



THE STANDINGS
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NBA Association Standings				Thursday's Results		
By United Press International				Detroit 84 New York 83		
Eastern Conference				Los Ang 99 Cleveland 89		
Atlantic Division				Chicago 92 Philadelphia 91		
	w. l.	pct.	g.b.	Houston 114 Atlanta 86		
Buffalo	21	11	.656	—	Golden St. 112 Portland 107	
Boston	19	13	.594	2	Friday's Games	
New York	18	14	.563	3	Los Angeles at Chicago	
Philadelphia	14	21	.400	8½	Buffalo at Phoenix	
Central Division				KC-Omaha at Seattle		
	w. l.	pct.	g.b.	NHL Standings		
Washington	25	9	.735	By United Press International		
Cleveland	17	13	.567	Division 1		
Houston	17	15	.531	7	w. l. pts	
Atlanta	14	20	.412	11	Philadelphia 23 6 5 51	
New Orleans	3	29	.094	21	Atlanta 16 15 5 37	
Western Conference				NY Islanders 13 13 9 35		
Midwest Division				NY Rangers 13 11 8 34		
	w. l.	pct.	g.b.	Division 2		
Chicago	17	14	.548	—	w. l. pts	
KC-Omaha	18	17	.514	1	Vancouver 21 10 5 47	
Detroit	17	17	.500	1½	Chicago 15 14 4 34	
Milwaukee	12	19	.387	5	St. Louis 14 14 6 34	
Pacific Division				Minnesota 11 18 5 27		
	w. l.	pct.	g.b.	Kansas City 5 24 4 14		
Golden State	22	11	.667	—	Division 3	
Seattle	16	17	.485	6	w. l. pts	
Phoenix	15	17	.469	6½	Los Angeles 18 41 1 47	
Portland	15	18	.455	7		
Los Angeles	14	19	.424	8		



THINK ABOUT IT!

BY BOB LILLEY

It's nice to get a letter of thanks for your contribution to a successful political campaign. It's a little disturbing however—when your "Dear Bob" letter misspells your last name. Oh, well, it's better than having it addressed to "Dear Occupant", "Mr. Boxholder" or "To whom it may concern!"

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Says Major Hoople

Grid upsets upcoming

By Major Amos B. Hoople

Father of the Bowl Games

Egad, friends, the collegiate football world is still in a tizzy following the astonishing second-half comeback of the Southern California Trojans in their winning effort against Notre Dame. An amazing turn of events, the likes of which your faithful correspondent has not witnessed in nigh onto a half century of chronicling such events — um-kumph!

Now, can the Trojans continue at such fever pitch against a very fine Ohio State club in the Rose Bowl? Can the Irish regain their composure to upset an excellent Alabama team in the Orange Bowl? Is this really the year of the upset? Remember Michigan State — Ohio State? And Harvard — Yale? What effect will Ara Parseghian's resignation, effective after the Alabama game, have on his Notre Dame stalwarts?

Let us deal with the big bowls in chronological order:

Saturday, Dec. 28
Fiesta Bowl at Tempe
Brigham Young 29, Okla. St. 17

The Cougars, champions of the Western Athletic Conference, with Gary Sheide, the nation's second leading passer at the controls, will whip the Cowboys, fourth place finishers in the tough Big Eight loop.

Peach Bowl at Atlanta
Texas Tech 24, Vanderbilt 21.

The 6-1 record of the Texas Tech Red Raiders is not indicative of the true strength of Jim Carlen's club. Good enough to wallop a fine Texas University team, Tech figures to outscore the dangerous Commodores, who rolled to a 7-3-1 record in regular season play.

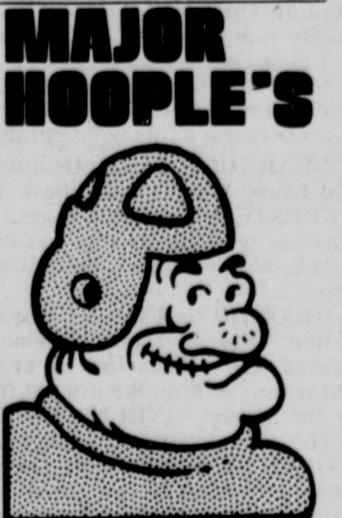
Sun Bowl at El Paso
Miss St. 31, No. Carolina 17

This was a comeback year

for the Bulldogs who bounced from a 4-5-2 record in '73 to a very fine 8-3 this season and they'll finish in fine style by whipping the Tar Heels. North Carolina has shown — kaff-kaff — flashes of brilliance this year but this is not their day.

Monday, Dec. 30
Gator Bowl at Jacksonville
Texas 35, Auburn 18

The first upset of major



MAJOR HOOPLE'S FOOTBALL FORECAST

proportions in the bowl season as the late blooming — heh-heh — Longhorns roll over Auburn, rated No. 6 in the collegiate polls. Texas, acting like one of Darrell Royal's clubs of old, racked up 113 points in its last two games and 364 for the season. All in all they have too much for Shug Jordan's hard-nosed ball club.

Tuesday, December 31
Sugar Bowl at New Orleans
Florida 25, Nebraska 21

Caldwell eager to hit the tour

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"I qualified," says Rex. "Now I'm where I dreamed about being for the last 10 years. This is really a big step for me. This kind of changes my whole life. I'm proud of the fact that I'm on the tour."

Now the pressure is really on. Living on the tour is expensive. A consistent loser doesn't last long, no matter how understanding his sponsor. A tour rookie must win at least \$3,000 during his first season, and qualify to play in at least 15 tournaments (out of about 60), and make the final cut in at least four of those. Or lose his card.

The pressure doesn't bother Rex.

"If you think you can play, know you can hit the shots good, you'll play good. That's all there is to it."

"I don't feel I'm as good technically as a lot of other guys, but I think I can beat them. I play a lot with my heart. I try hard out there, let me tell you."

"I feel that I'm just starting to learn to play the game, you know? I don't play dumb anymore. But if I don't improve I won't make it out there. You can play with your heart for just so long. I think I'll improve a lot. I'd like to make \$50,000 that first year. But you have to put in the hours."

"I don't party during tournaments. I'm gonna work hard. I plan on having a club in my hand every day."

That will be no radical departure from the past 10 years. Rex took up golf "dead serious" when he was 14, totting his clubs to school and thumbing to the base golf course each afternoon.

In high school, he became even more serious. But no lessons.

They cost too much. Besides, Rex says, "I just wanted to go out and do it myself."

After college ("Four years of doing just enough to stay eligible to play."), Rex worked at the Arnold Palmer Golf Academy for 10 weeks, then decided to turn pro. He played in state and area tourneys before landing a sponsor and hitting the mini-tour.

When his sponsor died, Caldwell was picked up by the Village group. The locals got an immediate return on their investment, as Rex won about \$10,000 during the next four-tourney series.

Several checks later, he headed north for the PGA school, stopping en route to set two course records.

Now he'll be playing against the world's greatest golfers. Huge sums of money — or maybe just enough for hamburgers and gasoline — will be riding on each putt.

"I'm gonna love it," Rex says, "I guarantee you."

Cougar sale?

CHICAGO (UPI) — World Hockey Association President Dennis Murphy says the league and owners of the financially troubled Chicago Cougars are in "the process of final negotiations" for sale of the club to a group led by player-coach Pat Stapleton.

Murphy and league officials met separately here for nine hours Thursday with Stapleton and lawyers for current owners Walter and Jordan Kaiser.

Sporting identical 8-3 records the Florida Gators and the Cornhuskers are just as evenly matched in personnel.

Nebraska has the edge on paper in the offensive department but we look for Florida to have a big night on defense and claim the ultimate victory — um-kumph!

Wednesday, January 1
Cotton Bowl at Dallas
Baylor 21, Penn State 17

It's Baylor's first-ever trip to the Cotton Bowl and the Bears mean to make the most of it. All year long the Bears have played fine football winning five in a row at the end of the season to take the Southwest Conference crown and they will have to be at their best to conquer Joe Paterno's very, very good Nittany Lions. This will be an extremely close game.

Rose Bowl at Pasadena
So. California 33, Ohio State 28

Matching the nation's No. 3 and 5 teams in the polls and sporting the Buckeye's Heisman Trophy winner, Archie Griffin, who'll be matching strides with Heisman runnerup Anthony Davis, this will be a game to remember. Your fearless forecaster gives the edge to John McKay's explosive Trojans over the excellently coached Woody Hayes team. The Trojans, still sky-high from their amazing comeback against the Irish, will be looking to Notre Dame to knockoff unbeaten Alabama later in the evening, thus moving Southern California to the top of the standings. The Griffin — Davis duel will keep you glued to your seats, dear readers.

Orange Bowl at Miami
Notre Dame 35, Alabama 21

Determined to regain the prestige lost against Southern California, the Fighting Irish will go all out to prove it was a fluke by throttling Alabama. This will be no easy task as the Crimson Tide, rated No. 1 in the country, sports the only unblemished record of any of the bowl contenders, but Notre Dame has the credentials and players to succeed. In total defense the Irish lead the nation allowing only 195.2 yards per game for 11 contests. Alabama ranks fifth giving up an average of 220.1 yards. In total offense, N.D. rates fourth averaging 434.5 yards per contest while Alabama stands 16th with a 388.3 average for the year. Alas, 'twill be a disheartening, albeit valiant, eighth straight bowl game defeat for the Alabama lads... and a glorious farewell gift for Irish coach Ara Parseghian — Harrumph!

1974 Record			
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Lompoc JVs win

The Lompoc Junior Varsity basketballers downed Santa Ynez 40-37 yesterday in the opening round of the Arroyo Grande JV tourney.

Jerry Tolstad hit 16 points to lead Lompoc, and Danny Bright added 14. Tolstad and Mike Gray were the top rebounders.

Lompoc played again today at 2:30 p.m.



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Aziz quits, Rockets win

United Press International

Goodbye, Zaid Abdul-Aziz. Hello, Kevin Kunnert.

Kunnert, a second-year pro out of Iowa who was drafted by Chicago in the 1973 college player draft, had seen only spot duty during his first year.

Traded to Buffalo before last season and then sent to Houston Feb. 1, the 7-foot-1 center averaged only 11 minutes of playing time and 3.6 points per game in his rookie season.

But Abdul-Aziz, formerly known as Don Smith during his seven-year NBA career, had said before the season began this would be his last year in pro basketball and he informed the Rockets by telephone shortly before their game with Atlanta Thursday nights that he was calling it quits.

Houston's loss, however, was Kunnert's gain. The 23-year-old pivotman filled in with 18 points, grabbed 11 rebounds and blocked three shots while alternating with center-forward Steve Hawes as the Rockets drubbed the Hawks, 114-86.

Guard Calvin Murphy led the Rockets with 21 points and Rudy Tomjanovich and Dave Wohl chipped in with 19, while Jim Washington topped the Hawks' scorers with 16 points and Tom Van Arsdale added 15.

The Rockets' defense put the game away in the fourth quarter, holding the Hawks scoreless for the first 7:47. Atlanta managed only five field goals in the final period.

Bulls 92, 76ers 91:

Chicago edged Philadelphia on the strength of Bob Love's 20-foot field goal with 12 seconds left to play for the Bulls' sixth win in their last seven games. Chet Walker led Chicago with 22 points and Love added 20. Billy Cunningham topped the 76ers with 19. The win, raising the Bulls' season mark to only 17-14, put them a game ahead of idle Kansas City-Omaha and kept them 1½ games in front of Detroit in the Midwest Division.

Pistons 84, Knicks 83:

Dave Bing's short jump shot from the side with six seconds

to play gave Detroit its narrow win over New York, handing the Knicks their seventh loss in eight games. Bing scored 24 points and Bob Lanier, playing his first game after missing two with a sore left knee, was high for the game with 27 points and 14 rebounds for the Pistons. Earl Monroe led the Knicks with 24 points.

Lakers 99, Cavaliers 89:

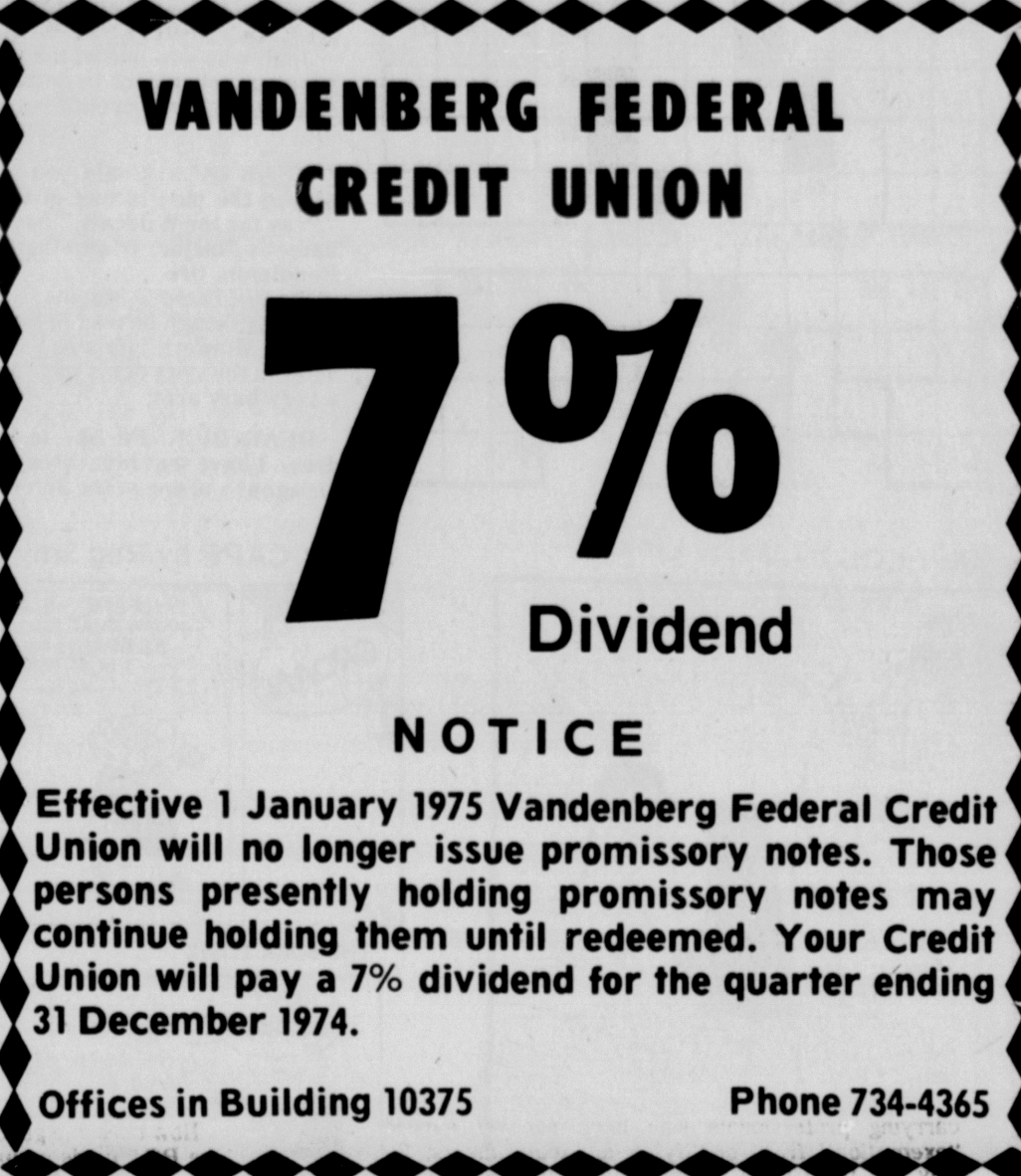
Gail Goodrich and Lucius Allen each tossed in 28 points to spark Los Angeles over Cleveland. The Lakers jumped out to a 54-34 halftime lead, but had to hold off a strong second-half rush by the Cavs. Jim Chones scored his NBA high of 28 points for the Cavs.



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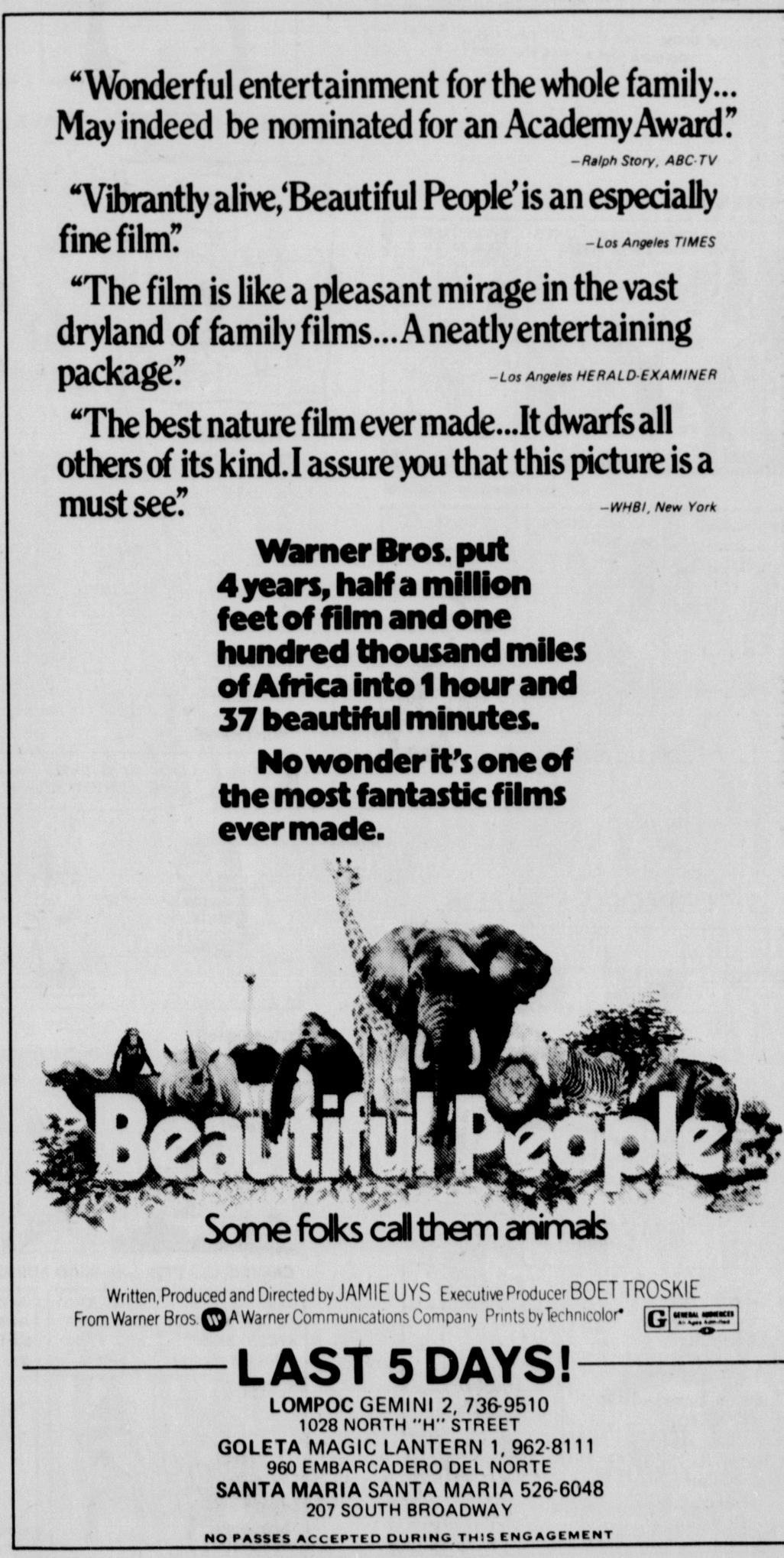
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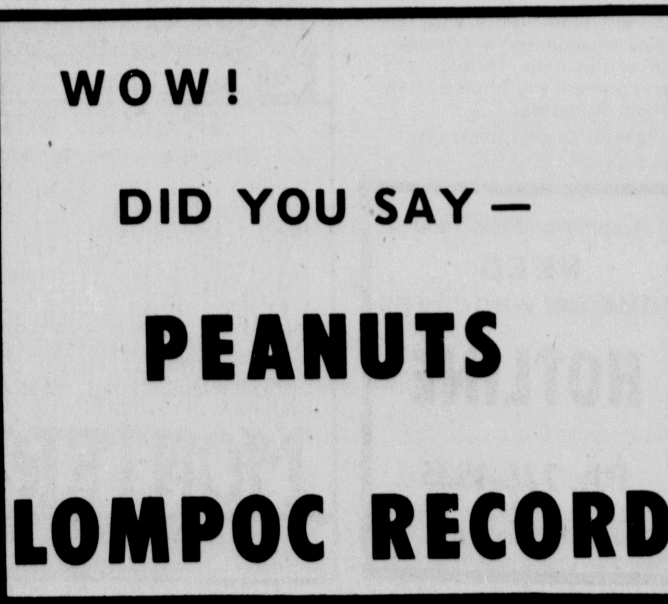
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16 Certain apparel
17 Sheltered place
19 European wild goose
21 King of birds
23 Song birds
27 Scarlet tanager
32 Away from wind
33 Sermon (ab.)
34 Smell
35 Masculine
36 Half-quarts (ab.)
37 Boat (Sp.)
38 Alternate days
40 Small island
41 Follow in tracks of another

43 After awhile
46 Harbinger of
50 Jacob's third son (Bib.)
51 Taunting exclamation
53 Roman date
55 Dill herb
56 Pale
57 Exploit
58 Latin
59 conjunction (pl.)
59 Pigeon
60 Took food

DOWN

1 Everything
2 Builder of the Ark
3 Greek letter
4 Feminine name
5 Indonesian of Mindanao
6 Brightly colored songbirds
7 Speech part
8 Single thing
9 Seine
11 Western state
13 Scout group (ab.)
18 Noun suffix (pl.)
20 Cardinal color
22 — Green, marriage village
23 Endure
24 High (Ger.)
25 Erect
26 English county
28 Makes quick motions
29 False god
30 By memory
31 Annoyance
31 Annoyance
32 By memory
33 Common birds (ab.)
39 Resident of (ab.)
40 Labor organization (ab.)
42 Figure of speech
43 Fasting season
44 Class of birds
45 Small bird
47 Large
48 Thought
49 Bird's home
50 New Guinea
51 seaport
52 Head covering
54 Female saint (ab.)

Ask Dick Kleiner

Over ... and out

By Dick Kleiner

DEAR DICK: I'd like to know where I could write to former President Nixon and The Hudson Brothers, who have a show Wednesday night on NBC. — J. RODICK, New Orleans, La.

Both shows have been cancelled. It's extremely doubtful whether either Nixon or the Hudson Brothers will have another show. You can write to Nixon at San Clemente, Calif., and the Hudson Brothers in care of NBC, Burbank, Calif. The Hudson Brothers might even answer you.

DEAR DICK: Will you please list the movie ratings? Somehow I missed them whenever they were published. — MRS. W.K.C., Williamsport, Pa.

The official wording of the ratings, according to the Motion Picture Association, is: G: General Audiences, all ages admitted; PG: Parental Guidance Suggested, some material may not be suitable for pre-teen-agers; R: Restricted, under 17 requires accompanying parent or adult guardian, and X: No One Under 17 Admitted.

DEAR DICK: Could you please tell me who played the part of the young girl in the 1945 version of "A Tree Grows in Brooklyn?" I think the father was played by James Dunn. — MRS. M. McGRANE, New Orleans, La.

The young girl in that '45 version was Peggy Ann Garner.

DEAR DICK: One of my favorite girl singers of the past was Joni James. Can you tell me what became of her? — HERMAN MORTENSEN, Manassa, Colo.

Joni, who was one of the tops of the '50s, is now living in gracious retirement in Southern California. She does some singing at charity events, but mostly she lives the good, quiet life.

DEAR DICK: Could you please tell me if the man who played the part of one of the cyclists in the ABC movie, "Pray for the Wildcats," has ever been in a series? His first name is Marjoe. What other parts has he done? — JIM S., Pendleton, Ore.

His full name is Marjoe Gortner. He has never been in a series, although he was in the pilot for Kojak, "The Marcus Nelson Murders." He was a child evangelist and became an actor in the story of his life, "Marjoe." Since then he has been a very busy actor.

DEAR DICK: I'd like to know Cameron Mitchell's address. I have sent him three letters, but no answer — two to his agent and one to the Screen Actors Guild. Is he that busy

or is he dead? — Mrs. TERESA RUIZ, Huntington Beach, Calif.

Actors get a lot of fan mail and some, for whatever reason, do not choose to answer. That's their privilege, although it may not be very polite. I'm sure Mitchell got your letters and it's his right not to reply. He isn't dead.

DEAR DICK: Would you please tell me if the life of Beau Brummel was true, according to the movie by that name. I recently saw a rerun of the old movie and he died in poverty and an outcast of his country. Is that the way it was? — MRS. E.A. MACINTYRE, New Westminster, B.C.

I didn't see the movie, but, according to the encyclopedia, George Bryan (Beau) Brummel died in 1840 in a hospital for the insane in Caen, France. He had been driven out of England because of his huge gambling debts.

DEAR DICK: Is Ken Osmond, who played Eddie on the old Leave It to Beaver show, really Alice Cooper? — INTERESTED, Haverhill, Mass.

Another wild rumor that has been around for a year or so. Again, nothing to it. Two entirely different guys — er, persons.

DEAR DICK: The CBS Movie of the Week recently was called "Fer-De-Lance." Who was the young man who caused the submarine to crash? David Janssen yelled "Morgan" at him. We did not find his name in the TV guide or the movie. — VELMA KOCK, Huntington Beach, Calif.

The actor who played Morgan was Richard Guthrie.

DEAR DICK: Could you please tell me if all the TV give-away programs are on the West Coast? I think they should have some in the East for people who live there and can't afford to go on vacations to California. — M.C., Williamsport, Pa.

There are some New York-based game shows. NBC, just as an example, has three daytime game shows from New York — Winning Streak, Jackpot, and Jeopardy. And many give-away shows, such as the Las Vegas-based Dealer's Choice, have arrangements whereby people at home, anywhere, can send in postcards and may win as much as the actual participants.

DEAR DICK: I watched a movie called "The Parent Trap" the other night and I was wondering if you could tell me how old Hayley Mills was when she starred in that movie and how old she is now. — PAT DODD, Fairhope, Ala.

Hayley was 15 when "The Parent Trap" was made in 1961. That would make her 28 now. Time sure flies when you're having fun.

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by Bernice Beate Ovi

Saturday—Dec. 28, 1974

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Conditions will be pleasant for you most of the day, but later in the evening you're likely to be faced with a domestic crisis.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) This evening if you're out among friends, don't get drawn into a political or philosophical debate.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'd be wise to have an understanding in advance, of what you expect in payment for any work or service you perform for others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Don't air your problems with your mate in public this evening. It will make others feel very uncomfortable and spoil their fun.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22) You won't have as much control over today's schedule as you'd like. Toward evening pressures will crowd you a bit.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22) This will be a very pleasant day for you socially, provided you don't have to spend it in the company of one you're obligated to.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 23) You will be tempted to do a favor for a friend today, in an area where you lack authority. You think you'll be backed up, but you won't be.

SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22) A pal of yours is going to get a little peeved with you if you use his idea, but fail to give him the credit he deserves.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21) One you're closely associated with always seems to expect more from you than she gives in return. Try to keep the account more in balance.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 19) You won't appreciate it today when others pay more attention to your companion than they do to you. Don't be so obvious about it.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20-Feb 19) Things that you're interested in and want to do for yourself will be handled very competently. Requests made by others are another matter.

PISCES (Feb 20-March 20) You will make an excellent impression upon others you meet today, provided you don't come on too strong.

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Pass 1NT. Pass 2♣

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What do you do now:
A—Pass. You don't like notrump, but your partner doesn't like clubs or spades. Pass before someone doubles you.

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Answer Tomorrow

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Church News

Betty Laurent — Editor

First

Presbyterian

The Sunday morning service of worship at the First Presbyterian Church, 1600 Berkeley Drive, is at 9:30 a.m. The pastor, the Rev. Kenneth R. Boyd, will lead the service and preach on the theme, "A Time For Everything." Church School is at 9:30 a.m. also. Nursery care is available. Youth groups will meet at 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Peace

Lutheran Church

The Sunday Church School of Peace Lutheran Church 100 W. Ocean Ave. will hold its annual Christmas party for all children and young people at 9 a.m. this Sunday. Included in the entertainment are some sound filmstrips and refreshments. The 10:30 a.m. worship service will feature a sermon by Rev. David Miller titled: "Christmas: More Than Kidstuff."

United Church

A sermon in the first person, "My Name Is Joseph," will be something a little different at the United Church this Sunday at 10 a.m. After the children's story those in kindergarten through grade 6 go to classes in the education building, 3346 Constellation Road. Both choirs will sing.

Valley Chapel

"Prepare Your Hearts Unto the Lord" is the theme of the 11 a.m. worship service this Sunday at Valley Chapel, 125 North N Street. Sunday School begins at 9:45 a.m. and the evening service at 7. A nursery is provided.

Tuesday evening there will be a special New Year's Eve service from 11 - 12. Canceled are the regular Tuesday Bible Study and Wednesday youth group.

The Thursday morning Ladies' Inter-faith group will meet at 9:45. Coffee and doughnuts will be served and nursery is provided.

True Vine Baptist West Mission

Sunday School is at 9 a.m. and morning worship at 10:30 a.m. at the True Vine Baptist West Mission on S. Avalon St. Pastor F.L. Wilson will bring the morning message. Evening worship is at 7 p.m. A Watch Service meeting will be held Tuesday starting at 8:30 p.m.

Church of Christ

"The New Birth" will be the subject of the Sunday morning sermon at the Church of Christ, 138 No. O St. "The Second Temptation" is title of the evening sermon. Both will be presented by local minister, Garth Smith. A special New Year Eve fellowship and program will be held beginning at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31. A devotional will close the evening.

Sunday services are at 9:30 and 10:35 a.m. and 6 p.m. Family Bible study is at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

St. Mary's Episcopal

A Christmas pageant Sunday and a New Year Watchnight are special features at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 209 E. Central Ave. this week.

Presented by the Junior High Class, the pageant will be incorporated in the 10 a.m. celebration of Holy Communion this Sunday.

The watchnight begins at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday (New Year's Eve) and moves into the New Year. Holy Communion will be celebrated. A potluck breakfast will be held in the parish hall after the service.

The Senior EYC will meet from 7-9 p.m. Sunday.

More Church News on Page 10

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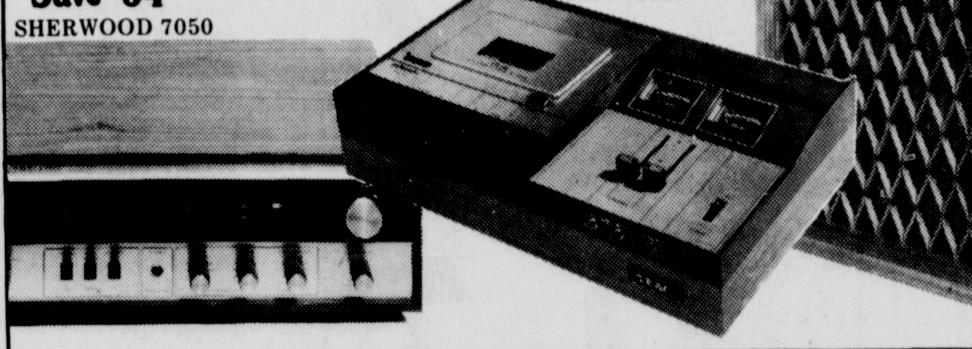
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Church News

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First Baptist Church

"Behold, I Make All Things New!" is title of the 11 a.m. sermon to be delivered by the Rev. John O. Eby Sunday at First Baptist Church. For his evening message at 7:30 he has chosen the topic "Making New Year Resolutions."

Calvary Baptist

Regular services at Calvary

First Christian

Youth Sunday will be

Baptist Church will begin Dec. 29 with Sunday School for all ages, including eight adult classes, at 9:45 a.m. The morning worship service will be at 11 with Pastor Wallis A. Turner speaking on "An Old Faith for a New Day." In the evening service at 6, the pastor will speak on "The Wrath of Man Shall Praise Thee." Training Hour at 7:15 p.m. includes youth group meetings.

celebrated at First Christian Church, 1517 W. College Ave., this week. Junior and Senior High youth have planned and will lead in the worship hour at 10:30 a.m. Three sermonettes on the theme of "Young People and the Church" will be brought by Gertrude (Mrs. Wayne) Burmester, Ralph Adamson, and Rick Bean. Scripture will be from II Timothy 2:1-13. Nursery care for infants and preschool children is furnished during the worship hour. Sunday School for all age groups is at 9:15 a.m.



A RESPITE from their daily routine of prayer, hard work and silent contemplation, members of the cloistered Carmelite Sisters enjoy archery and scrabble during a brief recreation period at their monastery in Carmel, Calif. The sisters, not allowed to speak unless during recreation, are permitted two breaks a day.

WRAP UP '74

The price of Project Independence

By Hana Umlauf

After the oil-producing Arab nations embargoed deliveries of oil to the United States last year then President Nixon launched Project Independence, calling on the nation to dedicate itself to attaining energy self-sufficiency by 1980. Only a year later, most energy experts agree that 1980 is an unrealistic deadline. The problems are just too large, the solutions too remote. The means to energy independence include stepped-up exploitation of our vast coal reserves, our untapped sources of natural gas, our offshore oil deposits, our Western oil shale and our nuclear potential. But Project Independence spawned some basic questions about energy self-sufficiency — how and at what cost? For openers, there is no consensus on what "self-sufficiency" actually means. Richard Pastore, a planning official at the Atomic Energy Commission, warned, "We could become self-sufficient and not like it very much because of high economic and social costs and drastically worsened environmental conditions." For one thing, energy prices

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would remain high for an indefinite period of time. Because of the cost of developing fuel sources, the "stable long-term price" of gasoline would be about 65 cents per gallon, excluding the costs of inflation. The federal government would have to make a considerable investment to encourage energy industries to gamble millions of dollars on commercial development of unproved methods of creating synthetic fuels, a basic element of Project Independence. The staggering amount of money needed — estimated by Gulf Oil Corp. President James E. Lee at around \$500 billion — to attain the 1985 goal might well set off a scramble for funds, thereby maintaining upward pressure on interest rates. Robert C. Holland, of the Federal Reserve Board, has said that such borrowing "will probably test the flexibility and responsiveness of our financial system as it has seldom been tested before." Environmental damage is perhaps the most dangerous aspect of a determined push for self-sufficiency. Increased burning of high-sulfur coal instead of less-polluting oil, massive strip mining, surface-mining of oil-bearing shale rock and offshore drilling, as well as increased dependence on nuclear reactors — all contain tremendous potential for environmental destruction. The pursuit of any or all of these actions portends bitter conflict with environmentalists. The basic elements of Project Independence have emerged informally in background papers drawn up by Treasury Secretary William Simon. In the area of coal production, Simon projected that U.S. output by 1980 would increase by 60 per cent. The number of utilities burning coal would increase by 29 per cent by 1980 as power stations switched from oil to coal. To facilitate the conversion, Simon had

recommended a five-year relaxation of emission standards, which in the past have prevented electric utilities from using the dirtier fuel. Project Independence also calls for an output of at least 500,000 barrels of shale oil daily by 1980. Another element of the program includes a tenfold increase in leasing of offshore oil acreage on the outer continental shelf as well as a tenfold increase in nuclear generation of energy. The project also calls for an Energy Trust Fund which would offer "government loans, grants and guarantees for energy and energy equipment industries." Additional amounts would also be needed to subsidize the synthetic fuel industries, because of "high initial cost and market uncertainty." Many industrial leaders consider the light water nuclear reactor a keystone in the short-term struggle for energy self-sufficiency. In January, the Atomic Industrial Forum, Inc., a lobby group for private atomic energy interests, reported that a total of 42 nuclear power reactors were classed as operable at the end of 1973. Their capacity was placed at 25.67 million kilowatts or 5.6 per cent of the nation's total electric generating capacity. A spokesman for the Forum said that "this over-promised, under-appreciated source of electricity revealed its true potential as probably one of the two mainstays of the nation's near-term quest for energy self-sufficiency, the other being coal." But that rosy view of nuclear energy is by no means general. Ralph Nader, a dogged opponent of the nuclear lobby, has said that risks from nuclear fission of catastrophic accidents and sabotage are "unparalleled in the history of mankind." The Union of Concerned

Scientists has outlined the major fears about nuclear power plants. Human error or failure of mechanical parts could result in a disastrous nuclear accident. The disposal of waste products, some of which remain radioactive for thousands of years, has not yet been satisfactorily solved. They also fear terrorists could steal fissionable material — such as the by-product plutonium — to make nuclear bombs. Carl J. Hoesar, formerly a leading nuclear safety expert at the Atomic Energy Commission, recently resigned his position, saying: "In spite of the soothing reassurances the AEC gives to the uninformed, misled public, unresolved questions about nuclear power safety are so grave that the United States should consider a complete halt to nuclear power plant construction while we see if these serious questions can, somehow, be resolved." As if to confirm his concern, the AEC in September ordered

21 of its 50 operating nuclear energy plants to close down within 60 days to determine whether cracks were developing in their cooling systems. Although the AEC said cracks discovered in three plants did not pose a serious safety hazard, they admitted repair could mean a long shutdown of the plants. In the long run, historians may well conclude that the idea of American energy independence was an emotional reaction to the shock of Arab blackmail. A closer study of all the factors — investment, environmental problems, technology — has thrown the Project Independence concept into serious doubt. A nation comprising six per cent of the world's population and consuming 33 per cent of the world's energy must face an almost impossible challenge if it wishes to balance its energy budget without decreasing its spendthrift ways. (NEWSPAPER ENTERPRISE ASSN)

Art triumphs over long hours, low pay

By Dick Kleiner

HOLLYWOOD — (NEA) — The American Film Theater, which had some successes and some failures in its first ambitious season, is back with a second year of plays-into-films efforts. The hallmark of the project appears to be excellent properties, excellent casts, excellent directors — but low budgets, which mean a relatively rapid shooting schedule. They are making "The Man in the Glass Booth," for example, in 25 days. Arthur Hiller is directing the Robert Shaw play, with a cast headed by Maximilian Schell and Lois Nettleton.

Schell admires the AFT project, because he says it means good casts on good plays. He says he would never do this part on the stage — "It's too long and too tiring" — but welcomes the chance to do it on film. He is bald and bearded for the part. His leading lady, Lois Nettleton, is changed too. Her blonde hair is a few shades darker, and she is using an accent. "This is the hardest accent I've ever done," she says, "and I've done a lot of accents." It is so hard that she's afraid of losing it from day to day. So she isn't taking any chances — she's speaking with her accent even off camera, day and night.

Ring in his ears was once from punches, is now from bells

BRECKENRIDGE, Tex. (UPI) — The marks of Ernest Hewitt's life are upon him — a bent nose from his years as prize fighter and bouncer, the delicate hands of a crocheter expert and a gentle satisfaction in his eyes from 20 years as a Methodist minister. "It's an oddity that God would call me," he said. "A man with my background. The things I've been and done. Sometimes I can't believe it myself, how I got away with it." One life led to the other, and he is now the Rev. Ernest Hewitt, pastor of the little St. Paul United Methodist Church, membership 168, "including about 30 children." "It's a minimum salary church and most of my people are elderly," the Rev. Hewitt said. "Of course they have never done much, but we're getting them around. We have a nice little brick building. It's got heating and cooling." He learned needlepoint as a child, but did not do it much until he became a boxer. "You see, I was the welterweight boxing champion of the U.S. Navy along in there," he said. "I was up pretty tight, you know, and my reflexes were

razor sharp, and my trainer warned me to do something to relax me and sort of quiet me down." He was a contender as a civilian for the world welterweight title, fighting under the name "Spider" Hewitt. He put in a considerable amount of time barnstorming as "Willie Pool." He fought 168 professional fights, winning 68 by knockouts and losing only seven times, never by a knockout. His face at 61 years old does not reflect the loser — no cauliflower ears, no thick eyebrows, no scars, only the offset nose. He said he quit when promoters started asking him to carry an opponent, maybe for six rounds, before ending the fight, or to "go to the tank" sometimes — take a dive. He joined the Navy and came out with a disability discharge near the end of World War II, trained as a machinist's mate. He had boxed for 12 years when he hung up his gloves in 1942. "You carry the marks of that kind of life," he said. "Bartender, bouncer, shipbuilder, house painter, fighter." "Of course I have lots of things left to look back on, a lot of writeups to read about my fights. And I had lots of fun." It was in the late 1940s that

the Rev. Hewitt, living with his wife and two children in Florida, encountered personal problems which turned him to God. "When I did let go and let God take hold of things, I got the right answer," he said. At the age of 39, on Dec. 10, 1950, in the Southside Baptist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., Hewitt was baptized a Christian. Two years later, with only an eighth grade education, he entered East Texas Baptist College in Marshall, and graduated in two years and 11 months. His life from then on has been dedicated to God. "I did the work," he said. His crocheting has been featured in newspapers and television programs across the country. The most imposing are the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, the Lord's Prayer, and he has dozens more hanging or stored in his home. "This life of mine is an oddity," he said.

Hopes to clear name

LOS ANGELES (UPI) — Sirhan Sirhan says he hopes a call for a new investigation into the Robert Kennedy assassination will clear his name and free him from a life sentence for the 1968 killing. In a Christmas message issued from San Quentin prison through his lawyer, Sirhan expressed gratitude for recent calls for a new look into the shooting, based on a "second gun" theory. "If I had any consciousness of the events of June 1968, it would not have taken this long to develop evidence pointing toward my innocence of killing Senator Kennedy," Sirhan said.

NEW YORK (UPI) — Chalk up one for colleges. They're producing extra income from land and buildings. The big movement to open gyms, dorms, concert halls and other facilities to nonstudent users is helping many to stay afloat financially. This started for all sorts of reasons, including: rising costs, declining enrollments, decreasing income from investments in a slumping stock market. The nationwide movement to wring more dollars from academic facilities is detailed in a new report from Education Facilities Laboratories. Report Director, Larry Molloy, said the payoff is a double one. "Most projects also are producing better relations between colleges and their communities." Friction between town and gown — the academic community — has caused problems. The empty dorm situation on many campuses now is making money and turning to the advantage of the elderly seeking good housing at a price that can be paid with ease. As more students elect to live off campus the expensive and in many cases nearly new dorms, built with federal aid, collect dust. Among schools opening dorms to the elderly to produce revenue, the Fairhaven College in Bellingham, Wash., rates a special salute. The school set up a multigenerational living experiment called The Bridge. Thirty-three adults, 60 to 80, pay modest fees to live in a campus dormitory which also houses a daycare center. The new students attend classes, lectures and concerts. They also help out in the daycare center. They, of course, are good resources, providing perspectives on life

for their younger campus neighbors. In Mankato, Minn., and in Tuscaloosa, Ala., colleges found a market for empty dorms as group homes for the mentally retarded. To pay off its bonded indebtedness the University of Alabama leased a new 564-bed dorm and food facilities to the Alabama State Mental Health Board for use as a halfway center for the retarded. Mankato State College in Minnesota rents its unused dormitory to a private nonprofit corporation for the retarded. The University of Oklahoma in Norman leased a 12-story dormitory to the U.S. Postal Service. It is now a training center for 400. Also popular: selling student privileges to nonstudents for a fee. At the University of

Wisconsin, Milwaukee, the student union sells membership to townpersons, alumni and senior citizens. For a small yearly fee, members are allowed to use the cafeteria, bookstore, and all recreational facilities. Sports facilities offer a continuing source of income. Colleges and universities rent stadiums and coliseums to all comers from professional football teams to showmen and rock concert producers. Sports and music camps, setting up on campus, produce more dollars for the schools. But vacation package plans are the really newest money maker on campus. Dorms and campus facilities are rented to tourists seeking summertime bargains. More than 145 colleges in the U.S. and Canada now offer summer vacation plans. For \$3.50 a day

anyone can stay in a dorm at California State University in Long Beach, Calif. For \$10 per person daily, vacationers can loll in the Biscayne Bay College campus in Miami. In dozens of other ways the colleges are blazing new trails by going into land development, mixing commercial and student uses in new buildings, leasing existing facilities to commercial users. It might be a good idea to give the school of your choice the Education Facilities Laboratories' address next time you're asked to give money. Copies of the report, Generating Revenue from College Facilities, is free. The address: 477 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y., 10022.

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Nobody talks much about how much money the actors are making for these AFT projects, but it isn't much. Everybody works on considerably less salary than they usually demand. The general rumor is that they make about one-eighth their ordinary salary. "I love doing this," Lois says, "no matter what the money is, because it's such a good part, with such good people, in such a good production." One thing they all like is Hiller's insistence on a lengthy rehearsal period. For "The Man in the Glass Booth," they rehearsed for two weeks together before they shot a single frame of film.

SIDE GLANCES

by Gill Fox



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Official gas

How often Americans rail at the variety and the number of laws and rules under which we must live.

And how often we feel just a little taken advantage of when the very men who so magnanimously suggest, and then pass these often times burdensome laws don't have to abide them.

A case in point: the two most suggested solutions for our present oil importation dilemma are gasoline rationing and-or an insufferably harsh gasoline tax. Both ideas are designed, of course, to make all Americans cut back on the amount of gasoline they use in their cars. Either system would undoubtedly achieve its purpose, but at what cost?

That we must curtail the amounts of dollars flowing out of the U.S. for foreign oil cannot be questioned. The methods we choose to achieve such curtailment can be,

however, and neither of these solutions seem to offer either long range answers or much originality of thought. And lo ... the people who are set on stemming both the flow of oil and dollars don't worry much about where they might spend their vacations without gasoline; or about getting to a far-away job. They drive and vacation at others' expense, with or without rationing and taxes.

Certainly, we cannot expect our government officials and their many minions to not do their jobs for lack of gas. But it would seem so much more logical were they to conduct their lives, both personal and professional, under similar conditions as do we. As a result they might discover other, less harsh methods of handling a national problem, and might also aim their efforts at the causes rather than the symptoms.

Letters to the editor

Dear Editor:

California law provides one of the best "insurance policies" in the world. Very few people know about it. This letter is to inform the citizens of Lompoc. Each of us who own a home may file what is known as a "Declaration of Homestead." (This is not like the homesteading of federal land like they used to do in the old days, so ignore the term "homestead.") If you file a simple one-page declaration with the County Recorder you will protect your home against uninsured judgments for your claims which are not secured by written liens on your home, such as deeds of trust or mortgages. This means that if you run up debts beyond your ability to pay or a judgment is rendered against you for, say, an automobile accident above the judgment cannot take your home away from you if your interest in it is \$20,000 or less. If your interest in it is above \$20,000, they may be able to take the home, but the court will see that \$20,000 of the cash proceeds are returned home with it, free of your creditors.

The details are a little more complicated than above stated but basically this is a simple and easy way to protect your home for so long as you live in it. You should see your attorney, it is relatively inexpensive for him to aid you in filing a homestead. For \$20,000 protection for as long as you live in your home, you can't get better insurance. Homestead forms may also be available in the stationery store if you are a do-it-yourselfer.

One other point: some persons may tell you that the filing of a homestead will hurt your credit. Do not believe them. If any person wishes to give you credit and needs the security of your home, they can request that you give them a mortgage on the home. As we said above, the homestead does not forbid the foreclosing of mortgages. Anyone who says it hurts your credit

might be interested in getting a judgment against you and taking your home away. He should be basing his evaluation of your credit upon your income, not the possibility that he can take your home.

I urge all citizens to take advantage of this salutary provision of the California law.

Alan D. Davidson
City Attorney

Dear Mr. Crompe:

I am a resident who lives on the 1300 block of North Orchid Street. At 9 a.m. Thursday morning I stepped outside my front door only to see more than three quarters of the once beautiful elm tree lying in the street. It will grow back in some form within 4 to 6 months, but until then there it is, a stick! I honestly thought they were topping it in order to chop it down. That's how much is gone from the tree in front of our home. This happens yearly, so that by the time the tree is full again it is scheduled to be pruned again.

It was too late this year, of course, for my tree. I did call city hall and the street maintenance people were extremely pleasant and cooperative. They, of course, have a problem. They only have so much equipment and a few men to take care of the whole city. Trees do need to be pruned I agree, however, the extreme cutting that these trees undergo is not necessary.

If you are a concerned citizen and want to prune your street tree as it requires it, you can obtain a free permit to prune the street tree in front of your home at the City Hall, Public Works Dept. At this time this seems to be the only way in which to keep our street trees beautiful all the time. I am going to obtain a permit so that the next time the tree in front of our house will be passed by.

Sincerely,
Ann Snyder



'ANOTHER LOAD OF OLD FOLKS—WHERE DO YOU WANT 'EM?'

On the right by William Buckley

Reflections

About 20 years ago, on a commuting railroad car, heading back to the suburbs, the bar was doing bigger business than usual, because a half dozen passengers had just been fired. Actually, like the firings, or layoffs, going on at this period, they hadn't so much been fired, as lost their jobs. That afternoon, management had announced that effective immediately, Colliers Magazine was dead.

It was a shock to the publishing industry, the first of many to come: but to the staff of the magazine it was a singular act of hard-heartedness because, as the commuters explained loudly to the other passengers in the car, this was Christmas-time. Who would lay off someone at Christmas-time?

Scrooge. They drank to the ill health of the owners of Colliers. By the time they reached the first express stop, they had the whole car joining in.



It is so nowadays, and the television editors are playing the role of the caterwaulers with great spirit. Yesterday's version of the problems of Downstairs featured not less than three workers at a California plant expressing their outrage at having been laid off during the Christmas season. What kind of a holiday will this be for me and my family? — one of them asked: but Walter Cronkite did not answer the rhetorical question.

I have a letter here. "You say you believe in the free enterprise system. Well, car sales are down 50 per cent. And what does Ford do? Up the price of a car by \$500. Prices are supposed to come down when sales go down. The hell with the system, and with you." In tone, less than a contribution to the spirit of Christmas. And so it goes; and one wonders, will we ever catch up? Unlikely. We will be asphyxiated by anti-capitalist moralizations years and years before the pollution gets us, or even the hydrogen bomb.

You cannot sell a car for less than it costs to produce a car. If costs are fixed, then it follows tautologically that they cannot be reduced. The cost of all

the materials that go into the making of an automobile are rising: the tin, the steel, the fabric, the batteries.

But the highest cost of putting together a car is the cost of labor. That cost is governed by a contract with the union. The contract makes no provisions whatsoever for reducing wages, only for increasing them. If labor took a cut of, say, 15 per cent, the increase in the price of the car would not be necessary. It is quite correct that to take a cut of 15 per cent means, really, to take a cut of 25 per cent, when you throw in inflation. And to take a cut that big means, well, subsistence living.

It's not reasonable to expect that people will vote themselves down to a subsistence wage, unless the alternatives are even more frightening. They are not more frightening right now. But it does mean that Ford has to charge an extra \$500 for a car. But in doing so, it scares off a lot of people who might otherwise have bought a new car. So: since you cannot pay people to do nothing, you lay them off, and when you are talking about several hundred thousand people, you lay them off

whenever the moment comes, Christmas, Good Friday, the beginning of the World Series, or the Queen's birthday: for accountants, every day is the same: 1-365th of one year.

Profits? They are a nugatory factor. Indeed, in the auto industry, the profits really begin to come in only when sales are very high. Sell two million cars and you finish the year broke. Sell two million one hundred thousand, and you are rolling.

But what caused everything to take this awful turn?

Not the managers of Ford. What caused it was the collusion of the intellectuals and the politicians in promoting economic ignorance. Every vote for every politician who voted in turn to give somebody something for nothing, which is what deficit spending means, contributed to this grisly Christmas, and I would count it the greatest Christmas present of all time if the Congressmen and the senators and professors who promote this ignorance and insulate themselves against its effects, should be laid off: permanently. For that, I would vote a generous federal pension plan.

Tom Tiede

WASHINGTON — (NEA) — As the old order changeth again in this fickle city, a fair man would have to say some of the 100-odd departing members of Congress are going to be missed. On the other hand some of them are just going to be going. Included in this latter lot, in fact leading it, is the Hon. John R. Rarick of Louisiana; not a tear save his own will be shed over the fellow's forced exit.

During eight years in the House of Representatives, the Hon. John has accumulated few friends. Even those who agree with his positions and philosophies shy away from the identification for fear of guilt by association. It's not just that the Hon. John is according to the Almanac of American Politics "the most rabid right winger" in Washington, nor is his place as a political leper entirely the result of his racism and anti-semitism; fair numbers



of his fellows share these traits — but none so glories in their public expression or so openly abuses public sensibilities as does he.

Two years ago, as example, during hearings concerning the District of Columbia, the Hon. John stunned the proceedings by calling predominantly black Washington a "rat infested stinkhole," and suggesting that many of the Negro residents should be relocated in some sparsely populated Western state. Such was the resulting outrage that even a fellow Louisiana Democrat, Pat Caffery, felt it necessary to censure the remarks on the floor of the House.

Usually, however, no one bothers to censure the Hon. John. As one Southerner points out, "You only argue with a guy if you think he's redeemable." Few think the Hon. John is. Fewer care. He came to Washington with the reputation of having ties with the Ku Klux Klan and he announced on arriving that his main task would be the preservation of the white culture. "A lot of us thought he'd change," says a black

Congressman, "but we were wrong. He's still the most open racist I know. He called Martin Luther King a friend of Communists and Bayard Rustin a sexual pervert. Personally, I don't censure him because that would be a form of recognition."

Thus recognized, it might be said that the Hon. John has rallied against the evils of brotherhood in a kind of vacuum. If he had brains or support he'd be dangerous, as his peers say it. As it is, when he takes the House floor for more tedious, fellow members sigh, shake their heads or simply ignore the point in time.

The loneliness has not daunted the Hon. John. He says the "scars of persecution in support of Constitutional government become badges of honor and respect," a thought which has sustained him. Thus even though he was defeated this year in his primary bid for re-election, he has twisted the loss into heroics. He claims he was done in by a black blockade and scandalous union money. "It's time to pray over what has

happened," he says. And with no regard for tact, fair play or good grace the Hon. John has inserted numerous speeches and news articles to this effect into the Congressional Record.

The Record, by the way, has been the Hon. John's weapon throughout his office. The Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith once strongly questioned the right of the Congressman to use a taxpayer-supported organ for furthering "blatant white racism and anti-semitism." But the right exists, so the Hon. John has continued to publish his views of Jews as "international money changers" and blacks as a threat to "a culture that has only been preserved through the diligence and hard work of... the white population."

And no doubt the Record will continue to reflect the Hon. John's view to the end. The consolation is this is that the end is near (Jan. 3). One hopes it will not only be the end of the Hon. John but of his abuse as well. Prejudice is the reason of fools, as Voltaire said; neither it nor they have a place in Congress.

Berry's World



E.G. Waters

Legislative pay

Harassed by the constant drone of criticism over fringe benefits, deemed by much of the press and the public to be excessive, California lawmakers appear near a mood to give serious attention to the problem of fair compensation for legislators.

The emoluments which they have taken unto themselves haphazardly over the past decade have become a source of irritation by reason of media expostulation. It compelled the calling of special session just before election to repeal the indefensible features of the retirement plan. But that was only one small part of the overall compensation issue which has brought barbs heaping down on the members. The more thoughtful solons have come to the realization and are addressing themselves directly to the problem.

The "fringe" benefits for the members got started back in the days when lawmakers were paid only \$1200 a year. About thirty years ago some bright solon discovered the constitutional limits on their pay did not

preclude their granting themselves expenses for meals and lodging while in session. Although two salary raises followed, the living allowances continued. Further, some new emoluments such as the furnishing of cars and pensions emerged. Later, district offices and staff, unlimited gasoline and telephone credit came into the picture.

When the Legislature transformed from that of part-time to full-time, meeting annually throughout most of the year, the salaries were increased substantially and now exceed \$20,000. But the hotel and meal per diems not only continued, despite the fact most of the 120 members moved their families into Sacramento, but were extended to seven days a week even though normally, at best, the Legislature meets only four days each week. In the minds of many, no living expenses are now justifiable with most of the members in residence at the Capitol.

Various proposals have been made to take the onus off the backs of the solons,

including having the State Personnel Board or an independent permanent commission fix the pay. Speaker Leo McCarthy has opposed such plans taking the view the Legislature should face the responsibility of setting its own pay. He undoubtedly fears the creation of a new bureaucracy which would entrench itself and make a career out of policing the lawmakers pay.

Taking the bull by the horns Assemblyman Mike Cullen has proposed a constitutional amendment pegging the salary at \$45,000 with cost of living increases to be automatic. He would eliminate the per diem allowances and automobiles.

Being realistic, the legislators have demonstrated their inability to set their own compensation. While Cullen's approach would probably solve the problem his figure has been arrived at without any showing that it is justifiable or even acceptable to the public which would have to approve it.

Assemblyman Gordon Duffy has hit upon what seems to be the most politically sound method of ending the

dilemma. He would establish a temporary committee, composed of business and labor leaders, to study and recommend a constitutional measure to establish the fair compensation. Once determined it would thereafter be adjusted according to a price index. This would eliminate both the need for any permanent salary fixing commission and for any future review. With the selection of people of standing in the state from the private sector to make the study, there should be little difficulty in gaining voter approval of their recommendations.

To be really effective, however, the committee should view the overall picture of public salaries, not just the Legislature. Their report should give juxtaposition to the various elective offices with a ceiling for their underlings. The present situation wherein: minor public officials at the state and local levels are drawing salaries greater than that paid to the state's chief executive is nothing less than criminal folly.